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Leaping forward into unknown territory is a hallmark of a Juniata education. Our students are willing to take such risks inside and outside of the classroom.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Dear Friends,

By the end of this summer, the first of a two-summer refurbishing of Good Hall will be finished, giving our most venerable classroom building an interior décor as impressive as the ideas that are generated within those classrooms. Our quick campaign for the work on Good was amazingly successful, raising \$1 million in less than 10 months. Now it is time to turn our attention to our next physical priority, the renovation of Juniata's most historic building.

Construction began on Founders Hall just a year and a half after the College opened its doors in 1876. At its completion in 1878, The Building (as Founders was called back then) became the center of College life and, ultimately, the architectural symbol of Juniata. Rare among colleges across the country is the fact that Founders has been touched by every Juniata student.

Founders continues to touch students and alumni alike, and we would like to return the building to its legacy as both an administrative and academic facility. Our plan is to bring the History and English departments back to Founders and its symbolic central location on campus. We also plan to reshape the administrative offices to gain greater efficiency within the building. To do so we will replace the structurally unsound north wing of the building with a new wing and completely renovate the south wing including the tower and Moore Street porch. This spring, the Board of Trustees approved our plan and construction will begin in the summer of 2008, contingent on successful fundraising, with a projected finish in 2009.

Our attention is fully focused on this project and I am gratified to see overwhelmingly positive reactions from our alumni. A major step in starting our campaign has been provided by most of the 1950s classes ('50, '51, '54, '55, '56, '57, '58 and '59), groups that have dedicated their 50-Year Reunion gifts to the Founders project. Their gifts alone will not provide all the funds necessary for completing the project but they give us a terrific start.

Speaking of gifts, the College would like to give its loyal alumni a gift of our own. One of the most effective ways of marketing the College is simply by word of mouth and we are enclosing this window "cling" to give you the opportunity to spread the word about Juniata.

Warm regards,

Thomas R. Kepple Jr.



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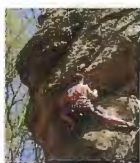
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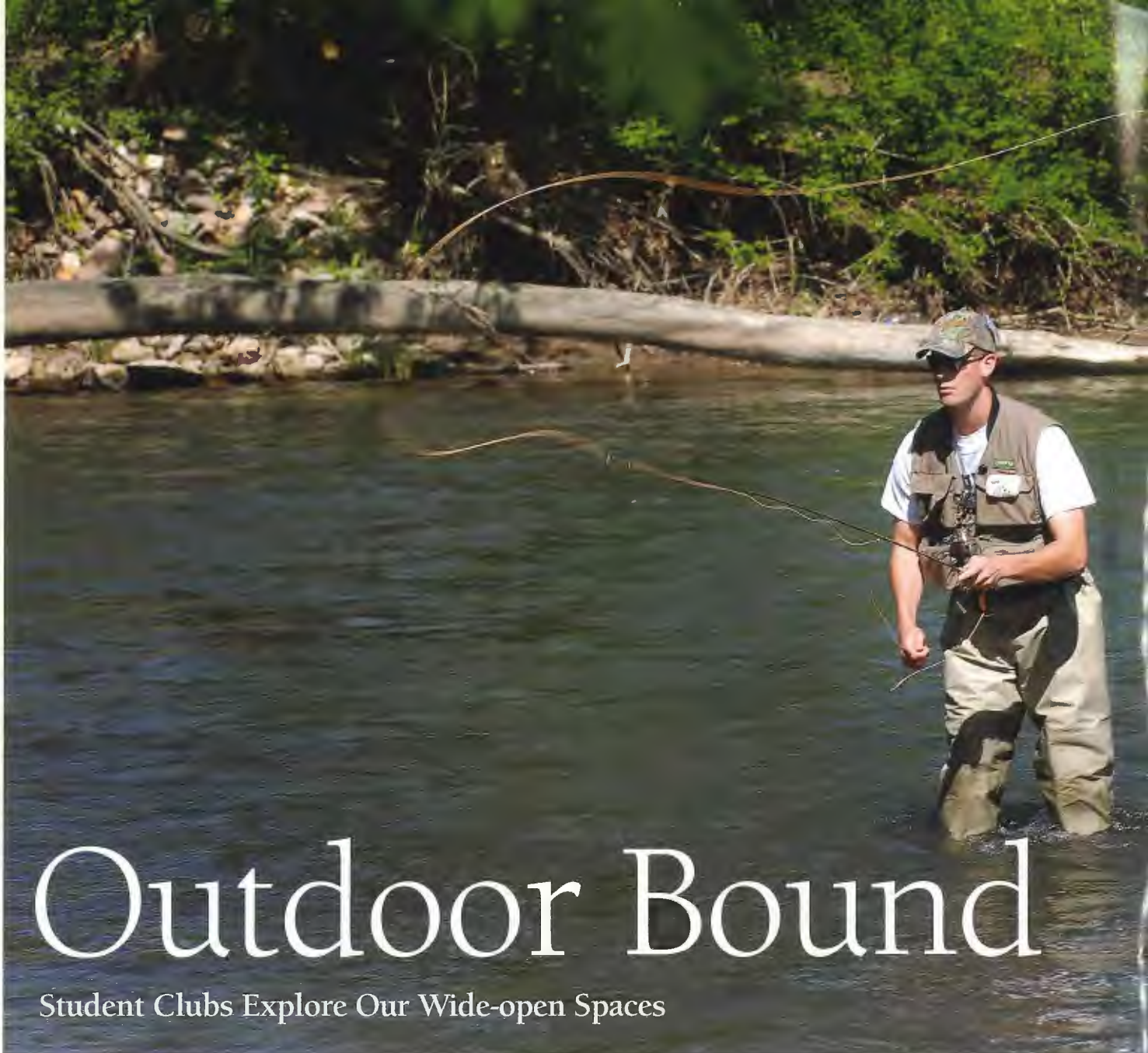
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# Outdoor Bound

Student Clubs Explore Our Wide-open Spaces

**Scene I:** The Juniata sophomore, intent on the task at hand, carefully flicks the fishing line and its accompanying fly in a graceful parabola toward a patch of still water. The young man, a member of the Juniata fishing club, gets in an hour of fishing each day before classes start.

**Scene II:** The young woman, dressed in shorts and T-shirt, approaches a one-inch-wide webbing stretched between two trees. She jumps onto the strap and finds her balance point. The acrobatic tightroper is a Juniata student, a member of the Slacklining Club, her

balancing act is illustrative of the many ways Juniata students can mix studies with exploring the Great Outdoors.

“We have a world-class location for outdoor activities and in the next couple of years you’ll see exponential growth in the number of students who are interested,” says **John Dawes ’09**, of Huntingdon, Pa. “People are looking for something different. Organized (team) sports have become so competitive, and outdoor sports are more social. They allow you to interact with a community as you’re doing them.”

Certainly the community of outdoor enthusiasts is growing on the Juniata campus as new clubs such as the Rock Climbing Club, Skeet and Trap Club and others pop up every year. This year, Dawes created the Slacklining Club. Slacklining, although it sounds like an activity done in front of a plasma TV while eating a jumbo bag of chips, is actually related to climbing sports. Participants stretch tubing that can be ratcheted around two trees or other stationary objects and attempt to walk and balance on it. Dawes premiered the sport at Mountain Day 2006.





*Tyler Templeton '08, of Ebensburg, Pa., takes a solo fishing sojourn in the Little Juniata River this spring. Tyler is a member of the Fishing Club.*

"Outdoor sports and activities play a big role in students' lives," says Staci Weber, director of student activities. "Each class entering Juniata brings more experience in these sports and more interest in doing them here."

Weber has followed that trend by incorporating outside activities into College orientation programs such as Inbound, a retreat for incoming students designed to acclimate them to campus and help forge connections with fellow students. Each retreat is designed for students with special

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interests and the outdoor retreat drew 30 students, more than twice what Weber expected. She filled two advanced classes and a beginner's class. The first Inbound outdoor retreat debuted in 2005, and Weber believes demand will only increase.

Outdoor activities even spark the interest of student groups that are not focused solely on fresh-air fun. Sustainability is the watchword of the student group Leaders in Motion, a leadership program for first-year students who focus on student activities. In collaboration with the College Cycling Club, the group organized a fleet of communal bicycles that students can use at any time to go anywhere. The cycling club agreed to provide maintenance, and Leaders in Motion organized the purchase of 10 bikes and completed a drive for donated bicycles. "We think it will encourage students to patronize local and downtown businesses rather than hopping in a car to go to one of the malls," says **Derek Dye '10**, from Frostburg, Md.

While these official College programs have responded quickly to student interest in alfresco activities, outdoor-based clubs seem to be pop up like a profusion of spring bulbs.

"The opportunities around Huntingdon are unbelievable for the outdoors. You have the Little Juniata (River),

Standing Stone, Raystown Lake, biking and hiking," says **Josh England '07**, president of the Skeet and Trap Club from Everett, Pa. England and several other trap-shooting enthusiasts revitalized the club after a long hiatus and have found that more students ask them about the club with each incoming class. He's also a member of the Fishing Club. "There are always outdoorsmen in every class but what's interesting is the students not from this area are joining the clubs," he says.

Juniatians from all over the country realize the outdoor opportunities shortly after stepping on campus. World-class fishing, camping, hiking and climbing are literally within walking distance. In about a year, there will be a world-class mountain-bike trail ringing Raystown Lake as well. Perhaps inspired by the natural surroundings, students are jumping into the outside world—at least judging by an increased interest in Laughing Bush, the student club that provides equipment rental and organizes events like a climbing wall or an annual 5K race. Several officers of Canaan, N.H., and club president, several officers of various outdoor clubs have met with Kris Clarkson, dean of students, to ask for a permanent or part-time outdoor coordinator. "Juniata would benefit from having a full- or part-time person who could plan events, oversee and coordinate trips and





*Josh England '07, of Everett, Pa., top; takes aim at a clay target during a practice session for the Skeet and Trap Club. Below, several members of the newly revived club maintain safety practices while awaiting a turn.*

maintain programs over successive years," Dawes explains.

"I see (outdoor activities) as a draw, together with the Raystown Field Station and the maple sugaring," says **Jeff Taylor '81**, one of the students who started Laughing Bush in 1979. Taylor, technical sales director for R&B Aquatic Distribution and adjunct instructor in environmental science and ecology at Wilson College, sees Juniata's location as a plus for students interested in the outdoors. "I'm surprised and heartened that (Laughing Bush) is still around."

Many Juniata club fortunes—outdoor-oriented or otherwise—are subject to the waxing and waning of enthusiasm among the clubs' members. For example, the skeet club was active in the '80s but became dormant until the club was re-approved last year.

"With almost any club, the focus of the activities varies depending on the students in the club," says **David Lehmann '83**, associate professor of geology and one of the advisers for the Skeet and Trap and Fishing clubs. "With the fishing club, some years the focus is



on fly fishing, sometimes it's more on bait fishing."

Enthusiasm is not a problem for Rock Climbing Club members. The club has 100 members, and most of them seem to climb almost every weekend, whether it's top-roping (using belaying and rappelling techniques off area cliffs), bouldering (using rock-climbing techniques on rocks that don't require top-roping) or heading to Mechanicsburg, Pa., to work out at Climbnasium, an indoor climbing gym featuring a 40-foot wall. One of the club's most

ambitious projects is to install a bouldering wall on campus. **Jason Weeden '07**, treasurer for the club, has met with Tim Launtz, director of residential life, to seek approval for possible spaces and has made presentations to Student Government and the Activities Board.

A "bouldering" wall or room does not mean creating an actual boulder indoors. Instead holds are attached to industrial strength plywood, allowing students to practice routes, skills and climbing angles. The club estimates it would cost \$3,000 to install. "I think





“Getting away from campus and getting out in the barn or on the trail are huge stress relievers. It’s great to focus on the horse for three hours rather than schoolwork.”



*Top: The Equestrian Club gives its members a chance to commune with nature and occasionally with their horses. Justine Kobeski, '09, of Factoryville, Pa., talks to Andy.*

*Bottom: Not everything about outdoor life is glamorous. Here, Dana Schwab '09, of Cinnaminson, N.J., shows her dedication to the club by mucking out a stall at Twohorse Adventures, where the 25-member club practices.*

rock climbing is becoming like yoga. It gives you a good workout without seeming like you're working out," Weeden says.

Riding a horse may seem like more of a workout for the horse, but members of the Equestrian Club take a much deeper interest in their activities than just equine exercise. The club not only competes in equestrian events with rivals Penn State, Gettysburg, Susquehanna, Wilson, and Dickinson, but they also train new members, groom horses and even muck out stalls. Sponsored by Donna Harris, a James Creek, Pa., outfitter who owns Twohorse Adventures, the 25-member club receives lessons in three different riding styles: dressage, hunter-jumper (the first two are what you watch in the Olympics) and Western.

Although lessons for each student cost \$20 an hour, the College pays the team dues of \$250 that allows it to compete. This year, the group competed in seven shows. "We have some members who've never ridden a horse until coming to Juniata, and we have some who have ridden their entire life," says **Justine**



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**Kobeski '08**, of Factoryville, Pa. "Getting away from campus and getting out in the barn or on the trail are huge stress relievers. It's great to focus on the horse for three hours rather than schoolwork."

In addition to competition, the club also trains Harris' horses, offers pony rides for the local Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization and raffled off a trained pony as a fundraiser. Kobeski says many of the outdoor-focused clubs are gathering new members by leaps and bounds.

Nearly every weekend of the academic year, one of the outdoor clubs holds an activity or makes a trip (see sidebar), whether it's a Laughing Bush-sponsored hike to the Thousand Steps or an informal fishing jaunt to the Juniata River. And during all those weekend activities, the environmental credo is the same: leave no footprint. John Dawes, who created a new club, joined several existing clubs and served as an outdoor counselor for the Inbound program, sums it up: "A great outdoor program really fits in with Juniata's sustainable mission."



*Left: **Jesse Parsons '08**, of Roosevelt, N.J., picks his way up a rock face as **Charlie Bowerman '07**, of Springfield, Mass., gives encouragement from above.*

## Fresh Air

**Here are some other student organizations dedicated to the outdoor experience.**

JC Downhill (the Ski Club)  
Juniata College Grotto  
(the Caving Club)  
Sapsuckers (Maple Syruping)  
Juniata Cycling Club

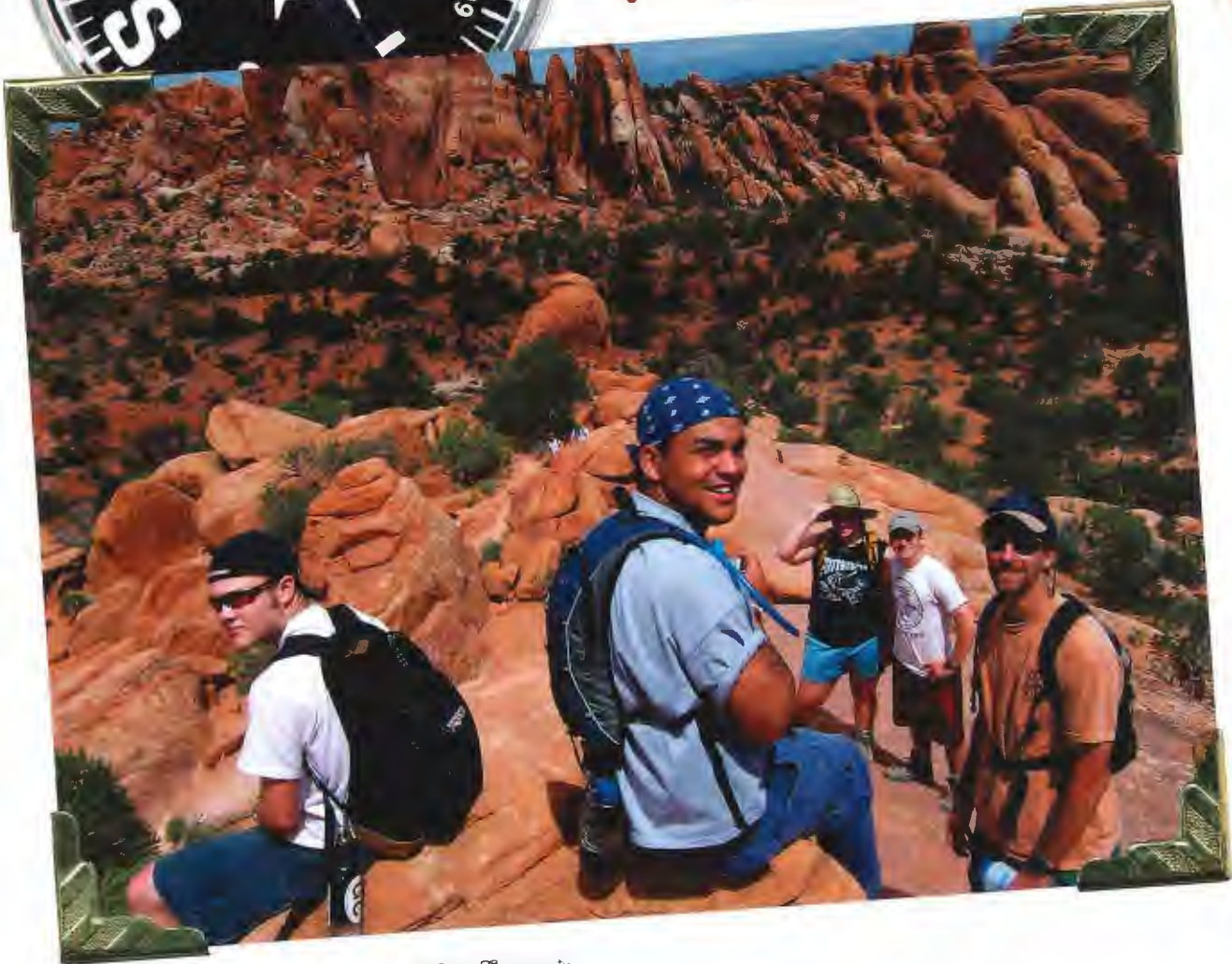
**Also, some club sports that demand a fresh-air perspective.**

Men's and Women's Rugby Club  
Ultimate Frisbee Club  
Women's Lacrosse Club





# Road Trip!



Students explore the wide-open vistas of Fiery Furnace in Arches National Park in Moab, Utah, where the Remote Field Course finishes its journey of learning. The students, Justin Edling '08 of Hedges, Pa. (in bandanna) and Mike Stefania '07, (lower left) of Boiling Springs, Pa. are in foreground. At bottom right is Jim Borgardt, associate professor of physics.



**Students Find Scientific and Human Connections Way Out West**



*Packed to the brim with sleeping bags, tents, luggage and other necessities, the College vans become a home away from home and a "bonding vehicle" for the students and faculty.*

Forty students. Four faculty. Add in 44 sleeping bags, a bunch of tents, backpacks, various scientific instruments, 44 variations on the cowboy hat or baseball cap, boxes of spaghetti, jars of peanut butter, Play-Doh (more on that later), more shoes than Imelda Marcos' closet, four vans, a few trailers, and, finally, a sense of discovery.

Get the motors running. Head out on the highway. Looking for adventure and a variety of scientific and sociological lessons, Juniata's Remote Field Course contingent hits the road.

"We've had tents ripped and blown over by high winds; we've had a trailer

detach from a van on the highway going through downtown Denver," says Paula Martin, assistant provost and professor of environmental science, describing some of the course's more adventurous moments. "But there's also the joy of students sitting around the campfire discussing what they learned that day in geology, biology and anthropology and that experience is priceless."

The Remote Field Course is one of Juniata's most popular courses, and the experience takes place primarily in the great outdoors. In fact, only recently did

the College institute a classroom sequence to qualify the experience as an Interdisciplinary Colloquia course—complete with tests, grades and papers. But the most valuable experience takes place in the field.

"The course changed how I thought about that part of the world," says **Eben Pendleton '07**, a physics, engineering and environmental science POE from Canaan, N.H. "I also learned it was possible to take classes in what I was interested in outside of the classroom. I realized I could combine my interests in the outdoors and the environment and still follow my passion for physics."

The trip starts in mid-May (usually departing right after Commencement) and returns 17 days later. The students are freshmen going into their sophomore year. Revolving faculty teach the course, including environmental scientist Martin, geologists **Dave Lehmann '83**, Larry Mutti and **Ryan Mathur '96**, anthropologist Paula



*The varied landscape of the American West offers Remote Field Course participants a look at natural phenomena they might never see on the East Coast. Here, Jeff Glaid '07, of Monroeville, Pa., chips a trench around a fossil from an early Cretaceous dinosaur at a site near Moab, Utah.*





*The spectacular sunsets of the Southwest can turn even amateur photographers into artists. At White Sands, N.M., a lone Juniatian is outlined against the sky.*

Wagoner, David Widman, psychology professor, physics professor Jim Borgardt and biologist John Matter.

Depending on which faculty members are teaching that year, the Remote Field Course takes either a Northern Route, which includes stops in Mesa Verde National Park, Colo., to study Anazazi ruins and then on to Arizona's Grand Canyon and Moab, Utah. The Southern Route heads first to New Mexico's Carlsbad Caverns and White Sands national parks, then on to the Grand Canyon and Moab, where Arches National Park is located.

The original team for the field course—Matter, Martin, Lehmann and Wagoner—came together in 1998 and 1999 and organized the experience as a series of educational

modules using western locations as outdoor classrooms. The four traveled out West in summer 1999 to “scout locations.”

“Originally we saw the trip as a capstone experience for seniors,” Matter says. “After the first trip we realized it was much more of a hook to get students into their academic and career paths.”

“It was the difference between night and day from central Pennsylvania and the Four Corners area,” says **Dave Robbins '00**, a wildfire mitigation specialist for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service. Robbins was in the first class to go on the field course. “You’re seeing new species and different geology, and experiencing new cultures you would never see in the eastern part of the country.”

The instruction modules change each year, depending upon the faculty members making the trip. They teach some modules individually; typically as the professor takes a group of students to a specific site. Other modules are taught to the entire group. Geologists Mathur and Lehmann have taken students to fossil sites, a commercial copper mine, and a small, Native American mining site for peridot semiprecious stones. Similarly, they provide insight for the entire group into the geology of the Grand Canyon, Arches National Park and Carlsbad Caverns.

Anthropologist Wagoner teaches a module on the ancient Anazazi settlements in Mesa Verde, focusing on how the Native American society worked as well as what factors accounted for the civilization’s demise.

Martin has taught modules on land use and water resources in the West, as well as how national parks handle the modern pressures of visitor management.



*Photos courtesy of Ryan Mathur '99, John Matter, Dave Lehmann '83, Paula Martin, and Jim Borgardt.*

Matter takes students into remote canyons to catch and count lizards, identifies the biodiversity of the southwestern deserts and details how plant and animal life changes as the class walks deeper into the Grand Canyon.

Physics specialist Borgardt has taught classes near the Trinity site (in New Mexico) where the first atomic bomb was tested, taken readings at an old uranium mine and lectured students at Lowell Observatory; taught fluid dynamics by rafting on the Colorado River and

gave participants a close look at craters caused by meteorites.

Psychology professor Widman has had students study the influence of altitude on cognition and taken students into a real-world maze in Arches National Park called Fiery Furnace. His favorite module requires a side trip to Roswell, N.M., where he leads a tour of the International UFO Museum and Research Center and teaches a workshop on why some people believe in aliens.

One thing that isn't alien to the students is the bond of community formed by traveling and eating together and sharing tents and campsites. "One of the reasons we turned this into a course for credit is that we can use the class time to build group

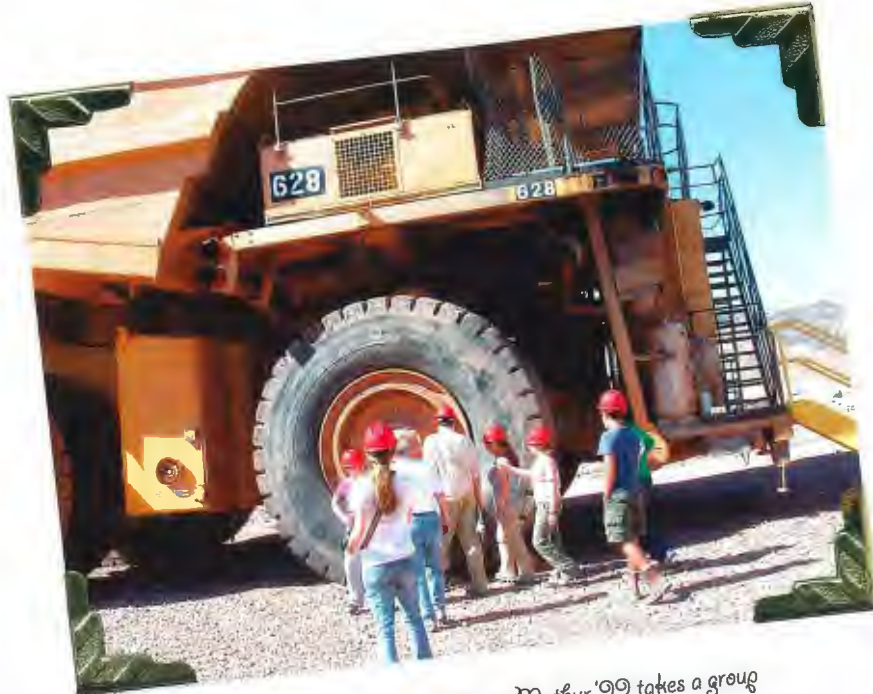
*Geologist Ryan Mathur '09 takes a group of students on a tour of a commercial copper mine. To get an idea of scale, Mathur, center, is 6 feet 4 inches tall.*

cohesion," Widman explains. "Then by the end lasting friendships have formed."

The connection formed between students extends to faculty as well. Because the course is designed for the end of freshman year, most of the participating faculty say that the 40 or so students who make the trip each year often stay in touch by e-mail or stop to chat—even years after the field course.

"In (regular classes) the professors can sometimes be ... professors; they can be a bit formal, but on the trip we actually got to see the professors as people," says **Elliot Haney '09**, of Duncansville, Pa. "Both my advisers were on the trip, and both relationships have become much stronger."

Many of the students who take the trip are science POEs, but more students from the humanities and social sciences are signing up each year. Other faculty have expressed interest in joining the caravan heading west. Don Braxton,



*Juniata students crowd around the remnants of an Anasazi settlement in Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado.*





*Students can study erosion, geology, biology and even psychology amid the monumental rock formations of Bryce National Park.*

professor of religion, took the trip this year to video the experience for his film class. Bob Miller, professor of religion, and Dave Hsiung, professor of history, also have talked about designing modules.

"Recruiting faculty can be tough—first you have to find people willing to spend two weeks in a tent," says Borgardt. "We also have to be willing to tie our disciplines into real-world lessons."

The real-world lessons can be quite creative. For example, Mathur often demonstrates stratification by creating different layers of Play-Doh, although last year he forgot the Play-Doh and had to demonstrate by building a sandwich out of different layers of peanut butter, jelly, cheese, deli meat and granola. "What I find is that the students and the faculty learn a lot about the other disciplines," Mathur says. "Most people don't see the Earth as I see it, and it's interesting to me to hear how other faculty and students see it."

## Head Out on the Highway

**Although the Remote Field Course takes the prize in mileage, course length and, of course, remoteness, there are a few other field experiences that Juniata students can use to become road scholars.**

### Natural History of Florida

This weeklong spring break course, taught by **Dave Lehmann '83**, John Matter and biologist Neil Pelkey, has been visiting the Everglades and other natural sites in the Sunshine State. Highlights include snorkeling to see coral reefs, examining invasive plant and animal species and learning how hurricanes and oceans affect landscape.

### Rock Trippers

Every other year, geologist Larry Mutti takes students on a weeklong spring break exploration of the rock formations of southern Ontario in ~~Canada~~. The trip emerged out of Mutti's petrology course.

For the Structural Geology course, Mutti and Ryan Mathur take students to sites in Virginia, New Jersey or New York for three days.

### Language Journeys

Henry Thurston-Griswold, professor of Spanish, often takes students on a spring break service trip to Guatemala.

Every year, Michael Henderson, associate professor of French, takes students to Montreal for spring-break field trip.

Photo by Christopher Shannon '07



The Juniata Eagle mascot gives a tiny fan a hug during the Children's Youth Carnival, which was organized by Bonner leader **Brittany Moyer '09**, of Takoma Park, Md.

# Individual Skills and Interests Shape Student Service

By *Shauna Morin, community service/service learning coordinator*

**B**OISTEROUS CHATTER RESONATES THROUGH A CAVERNOUS ACTIVITY ROOM AND INTO THE HALLWAY OF THE HUNTINGDON COMMUNITY CENTER AS JUNIATA STUDENT VOLUNTEER **KATHLEEN CANDANDO '07**, OF HATBORO, PA., ROUNDS UP A GROUP OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR A PRESENTATION OF THE JUNIATA COLLEGE CHEMISTRY CLUB. AS THE CHILDREN SCRAMBLE FOR SEATS, THE PRESENTERS DON SAFETY GOGGLES AND BEGIN ASSEMBLING AN ARRAY OF CHEMICALS AND PETRI DISHES.





Photo courtesy of Shaunta Merin

What follows is an energetic, educational—and at times comical—display as the audience learns about chemical properties and the wondrous powers of liquid nitrogen. Juniata students leading the presentation have volunteered time this afternoon to encourage kids to get excited about science.

The presentation is one of many activities coordinated throughout the year for area youth participating in the after-school program at the community center. Says Candando: “The greatest challenge is keeping the kids interested. This year we’ve booked a lot of activities, including presenters from Juniata.”

Now in its second year, this after-school program continues to improve and expand in large part due to the work of dedicated volunteers. And it is not the sole beneficiary of such efforts. The Huntingdon Community Center is just one of many organizations in the local community at which Juniata students devote countless hours of time and energy. College programs promoting civic

*Every spring break, groups of students forsake the fun and sun of beaches for the sweat and work of service trips. In 2007, (inset) students rebuilt houses in West Virginia. In 2006, several groups of volunteers (including one comprised of Juniata employees) traveled to the Gulf Coast to help rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Here, a student guts a bedroom in a New Orleans home.*

engagement and social responsibility have developed as an outgrowth of Juniata’s long-standing commitment to service, thereby upholding the Brethren values of community and service on which the institution was founded. In addition, service initiatives have been developed to meet a growing demand for experiential learning opportunities among Juniata students. The result has been a heightened level of student engagement on campus, in the local community and across the globe.

“Fifteen years ago, there were many pockets of students, faculty, and staff who were committed to service at Juniata,” says **Ronald Laue ’93**, now director of Greek Life at Washington University in St. Louis. “Service is also a Brethren ideal. Therefore, service is woven into the historical fabric of Juniata.”

The Community Work-Study Program at Juniata is one avenue for individuals who wish to get involved with local nonprofit organizations. This program gives workstudy-eligible students the option to earn financial-aid dollars by working at approved off-campus sites. State and federal education lenders pay a large share of the student employee wages while host agencies absorb the remaining expense. More than 100 students each year are placed at sites such as the Huntingdon Area School District, Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce, Huntingdon Borough Police and United Way.

Juniata work-study students also take part in College-sponsored community outreach programs such as Science in Motion and Language in Motion. Students involved with Science in



Motion are responsible for preparing materials and solutions for lab demonstrations at area middle and high schools. Lorraine Mulfinger, associate professor of chemistry, is the director of the program and notes, "Work-study students are the backbone of our prep staff for Science in Motion. They are extremely reliable and dedicated, and they receive some great job training in exchange."

Work-study students comprise the majority of volunteers coordinating the Huntingdon Community Center after-school program. **Anna Elias '06**, Juniata's AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, manages the Community Work-Study Program and plays an instrumental role in strengthening partnerships between the College and the community center. Elias recruits and supervises all

Juniata students working at the center and meets regularly with them to ensure development of quality educational programs for participants.

As she completes her education at Juniata, Candando looks back on her involvement: "Last year I was a tutor twice a week, but I wasn't involved in planning or leading the program. When I came back to campus this fall, I helped with some of the nuts and bolts of getting the program up and running again. From that I kind of fell into a leadership position that I have really

enjoyed. It's been even more rewarding to help mold and shape the future of the program."

While many students opt to volunteer in the

local community, there are others who hit the road to explore service opportunities in new and unfamiliar locales. Each year, the Community Service Office partners with Campus Ministry to offer a variety of service learning trips during the semester recess and spring break. In 2006, a group of 21 students and six staff advisers participated in the Spring Break Alternative to assist with hurricane relief efforts in the Gulf Coast region. Some of these trip participants labored in Mississippi rebuilding a home that was damaged by the storm, while others tackled demolition projects in the hardest-hit region of New Orleans. This spring, another group of Juniata students ventured to the Appalachian region of West Virginia to assist with home repair and weatherization projects in rural coal camp communities.

**Sarah Svigals '07**, of Vienna, Va., signed on for the Gulf Coast trip. Says Svigals,

## Bonner Leaders

**Alison Heft '09**, Frederick, Md.  
**Emily LaBrecque '09**, Amissville, Va.  
**Ivelisse Melendez '09**, Trenton, N.J.  
**Brittany Moyer '09**, Takoma Park, Md.  
**Jeremy Weaver '09**, Altoona, Pa.  
**Vanessa Cerria '10**, Oak Ridge, N.J.  
**Molly Dendas '10**, Nazareth, Pa.  
**Emily Gray '10**, Hummelstown, Pa.  
**Jennifer Kline '10**, Bedford, Pa.  
**Rachel Nagy '10**, Nazareth, Pa.  
**Danielle Stump '10**, Newport, Pa.  
**Brenda Tyler '10**, La Puente, Calif.



A group of Huntingdon-area children volunteer to help out during a presentation by Juniata's Chemistry Club at an after-school program at the Huntingdon Community Center. Juniata clubs often volunteer to stage such activities as part of a commitment to service.



Another aspect of Juniata's dedication to service is the Urban Immersion program, which takes student volunteers into big-city neighborhoods for service projects. **Heather Ferlitch '09**, of Houtzdale, Pa., left, and **Sarah Clarke '07**, of Upper Saddle River, N.J., prepare part of a meal at a soup kitchen in Hartford, Conn.



# To Educate and Serve: Aiding Others Helps Pay for College

Most of us are familiar with academic and financial need scholarships, but are you aware that students at Juniata are eligible for service-based scholarships as well? The **Paul S. Hoover '89** endowed scholarship provides educational assistance for a student who has demonstrated interest in service to others through active participation in Campus Ministry Service Projects.

**Jessica Abel '07**, of Chest Springs, Pa., is the current recipient of the Hoover scholarship. Receiving the award allowed Jessica to choose Juniata above her other options. "The beauty of studying at Juniata is that I have been encouraged to investigate all areas of study and my POE has evolved from pre-med to social work to education," she says. Although Jessica has always been interested in service, she credits her service involvement at Juniata for impacting her career choice—special education.

Abel has served as president of Catholic Council for two years, leading Juniatians in service projects such as the Giving Tree and Hunger Awareness. In the Adult Literacy Program, she tutored illiterate adults in Huntingdon County, and in the COMPASS program she worked with a Life-Skills student from Huntingdon Area High School. "The opportunity to engage in service-learning has equipped me for a profession working with those in need," she explains. "My eyes have been opened to the world around me, and my experience here has prepared me to enter graduate school with more knowledge and greater confidence."

On a campus like Juniata, where 40 percent of the student body is engaged in service-learning, there is much more room for service-related scholarships. If you are interested in supporting such an endeavor, please contact the development office at (814) 641-3111.

—Linda Carpenter, director of annual giving

"The two things that were most important for me were the relationships that were forged with new friends in addition to the people we helped. Seeing how much we helped (the homeowners in New Orleans) really has stuck with me." After witnessing first-hand the poverty and hardship that has plagued West Virginia residents for generations, **Eve McConnell '07**, of Ebensburg, Pa., comments: "Regardless of living standards, people have been proud of themselves, their families...and their homes. It amazed me to find such strength and spunk. We should all take a lesson from those living in this area."

In response to a heightened interest in service projects like the Community Work-Study Program and the Spring Break Alternative, the College gives dedicated students a chance to make a deeper and more sustained commitment to service. The Bonner Leaders Program fosters student development by encouraging participants to engage in ongoing service over a two-year period. Students selected for the program are

asked to volunteer on a weekly basis throughout the school year at an organization of their choice. They also attend regular discussion sessions to talk about issues related to social justice, civic engagement, spiritual exploration, diversity, international perspective and community building. The program culminates with a capstone project designed to bring together the experience gained from direct service and the Bonner Leaders curriculum.

The program boasts 12 students dedicated to integrating service more fully into their college experience. **Brittany Moyer '09**, of Takoma Park, Md., began the Bonner Leaders Program in the spring of 2006 and elected to coordinate College-sponsored community events such as the annual Youth Carnival. **Alison Heft '09**, of Frederick, Md., spends her afternoons assisting with therapeutic riding lessons at Horsepower Farm just up the road from campus, while **Emily LaBrecque '09**, of Amissville, Va., tutors adult literacy students at the Huntingdon County Child and Adult

Development Corporation. "I'm realizing that service isn't a matter of one-sided giving or receiving," says Moyer. "I'm not just giving my service, and a person isn't just receiving help."

Moyer is not alone in her desire to make service a priority in her daily life. Each year, students arrive on campus with an ever-growing enthusiasm to get involved in meaningful activities that have the potential to profoundly impact their undergraduate experience. Back at the Huntingdon Community Center, **Gillian Thomas '10**, of Davidsville, Pa., looks forward to a journey of service that will continue for the duration of her time at Juniata. "The kids are phenomenal. It is so amazing to watch a student who struggles in academic and social settings completely flourish at the center. Some of the kids completely open up and you get to experience their lives. You get to be a part of something that is really going to impact their future."

*Shauna Morin, a 2002 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, has been at Juniata since 2005.*

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# Landmark Decision

## Juniata Joins New Athletic Conference to Improve Competition, Recruitment

Next fall, Juniata will start competing in a new athletic conference, the Landmark Conference. For the College, the decision to switch conferences is truly a landmark because all eight conference members have similar academic missions and admissions standards. This means that all student-athletes within the conference compete on a level playing field.

In the past, Juniata competed against colleges and universities that recruited from a much larger pool of athletes made possible by lower admissions standards. In the new conference, every member college has dedicated itself to academic excellence while maintaining athletic competition as an integral part of the undergraduate experience.

Juniata's move helps the College recruit in New Jersey, New York, the Baltimore-Washington, D.C. metroplex, and parts of other states such as Connecticut and Delaware. Increased geographical diversity does not apply only to athletics. The new conference will increase Juniata's public profile in those states, giving the College a leg up in recruiting more of the country's best students. The same issues inspired Juniata's move to the Centennial Conference, where the College starts competing in football this fall.

"We have a very active alumni base in the Washington, D.C. area and we would like to expand our presence and programming in those areas and in the New York-New Jersey areas. Having the athletic conference in those areas will help our alumni play a bigger role in recruiting, not only athletes but non-athletes as well," says **Bub Parker '91**, director of alumni relations.

The new conference also will provide each college and university with landmark opportunities to collaborate on academic programs. Some proposed ideas include creating an undergraduate research conference, sharing faculty projects and academic programs, and expanding existing programs (such as Juniata's Science in Motion) beyond state borders.





## **Catholic University**

**Washington, D.C.**

Enrollment: 3,100 undergraduates

Athletic Colors: Red and Black

Team Name: The Cardinals

## **Drew University**

**Madison, N.J.**

Enrollment: 1,600 undergraduates.

Athletic Colors: Lincoln Green and Oxford Blue

Team Name: Rangers

## **Goucher College**

**Towson, Md.**

Enrollment: 1,350 undergraduates

Athletic Colors: Blue and Yellow

Team Name: Goucher's Gophers

## **Moravian College**

**Bethlehem, Pa.**

Enrollment: 1,500 undergraduates

Athletic Colors: Blue and Gray

Team Name: Greyhounds

## **Susquehanna University**

**Selinsgrove, Pa.**

Enrollment: 1,900 undergraduates

Athletic Colors: Maroon and Orange

Team Name: Crusaders

## **U.S. Merchant Marine Academy**

**Kings Point, N.Y.**

Enrollment: 910 undergraduates

Team Colors: Blue and Gray

Team Name: Mariners

## **University of Scranton**

**Scranton, Pa.**

Enrollment: 4,045 undergraduates

Colors: Purple and White

Team Name: Royals.

## **Fanning the J-Club Flame: Volunteers Sought to Host Sports Events**

For as long as Juniata student-athletes have been competing, College Hill sports enthusiasts have been cheering them on. Today's Blue and Gold fan club, known as J-Club, helps to maintain the long-standing tradition of Juniata athletics. The J-Club is comprised of alumni, parents, family and friends who join together to positively impact Juniata sports teams and athletes through volunteerism and financial support, ensuring that the more than 450 competitors have a positive and inspiring experience.

**Dan O'Sullivan '64** is an energetic J-Club member who volunteered to host an event during the men's and women's basketball games at Lebanon Valley College located near his home this past winter. As a member of the Central Pennsylvania Juniata Club Executive Committee, Dan is always looking for ways to expand the club's interests. "A great opportunity presented itself when we teamed up with J-Club for a sports outing. What a fun night with alumni, parents, families, College staff and even a prospective student-athlete cheering on our mighty Eagles."

Dan is part of a renewed emphasis on increasing membership through volunteer-led activities. The goal is to create an organized and active fan base. Teaming up with existing alumni and parent clubs will be a new direction for J-Club and one which will foster greater opportunities for participation.

As the Landmark Conference introduces Juniata athletics to new competitors, J-Club will provide even more possibilities for alumni and families to stay connected to Juniata as well as an important link for teams on the road. **Scott Kofmehl '03**, former men's volleyball captain and Academic All-American, said, "As a Juniata athlete, playing in front of your family, friends, and fellow Juniataans is the best feeling. Through J-Club we can give Juniata a 'home court advantage' by supporting the teams as they travel around the country."

In addition, J-Club members' financial contributions give teams and coaches the best possible training and practice facilities at home. J-Club supports prioritized capital projects to improve the overall varsity athletic experience for all student-athletes. Imagine a locker room transformed into a strategic center where coaches and athletes use cutting-edge technology to analyze games and individual instruction tapes, strategize plays and hold team meetings. Improving the intramural gym and outdoor playing fields are also priorities which J-Club supports.

Jeff and Sherry Berkey, of Stoystown, Pa., parents of sophomore basketball player **Jeff Berkey '09**, have chosen to contribute financially to the athletic program. Jeff Sr. explains, "J-Club allows us to participate, vicariously, in all the sports of the College through the newsletter and e-mails. As a result, this year we were able to follow the women's volleyball team to the national championship, the field hockey team's record-setting performance and the men's basketball team's historic run to its first-ever conference championship game."

During the basketball team's memorable campaign, J-Club hosted a number of "on the road" and championship game receptions.

Fans of Juniata athletics can join J-Club by making a financial contribution or giving time to activities such as planning a game-day event or identifying future Juniata student-athletes. Yearly membership includes a pass to all home athletic events (not including conference and NCAA playoff contests), the J-Club Sidelines newsletter, invitation to special pre- and post-game events and discounts at the campus bookstore.

Visit [www.juniata.edu/athletics/jclub](http://www.juniata.edu/athletics/jclub) and donate or volunteer today to support your favorite team — Juniata's Eagles.

— **Katie Dickey '97**



# Landmark, Centennial Conferences Take Alumni and Students Into New Territory

"I believe Juniata needs to compete within a more closely defined group of colleges whose academic guidelines more closely resemble those of Juniata. I believe Juniata has to be in a conference that shares equal standards and an equal balance of academics to athletics. There is a place for the student-athlete but the guidelines of the past (the '50s and '60s) are not the same as we have today, and change is therefore inevitable."

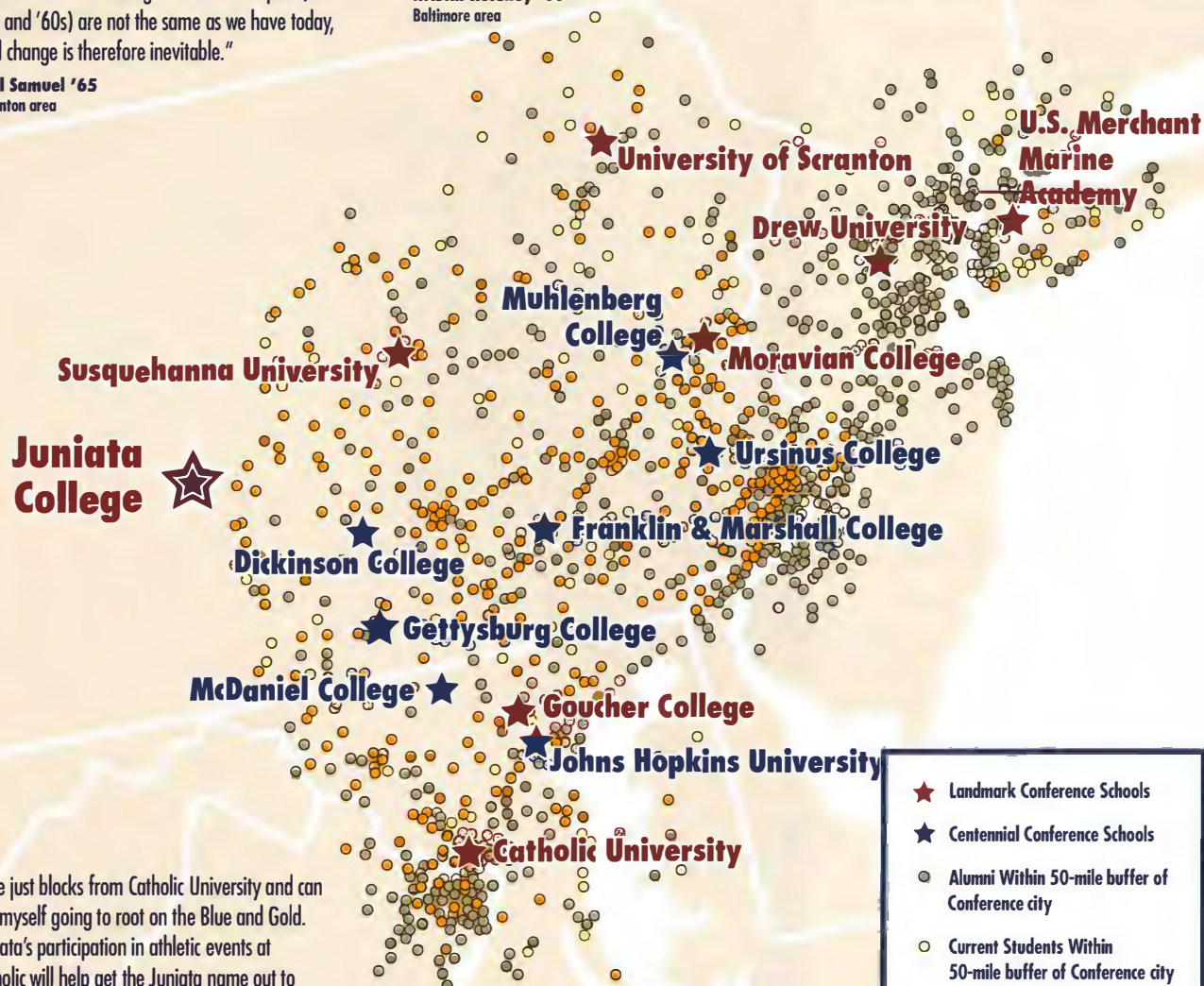
**Earl Samuel '65**  
Scranton area

"Not only will local alumni support the teams, but it will give Juniata name recognition in the Baltimore area. All the teams in the Landmark Conference carry an excellent reputation that will be beneficial not only for recruiting purposes, but also for alumni recognition in the workforce."

**Kristin Hershey '00**  
Baltimore area

"Juniata will get its name more well known by playing colleges with similar academic missions. Parents may see it as another option for their son or daughter when they see Juniata listed with similar colleges on a (sports) schedule."

**David Mokhany '83**  
Washington, D.C. area



"I live just blocks from Catholic University and can see myself going to root on the Blue and Gold. Juniata's participation in athletic events at Catholic will help get the Juniata name out to students who otherwise wouldn't know about it. The real value of the Landmark Conference to Juniata student-athletes will be knowing that your opponent not only has to practice as hard as you do, he or she also needs to work as hard as you do in the classroom."

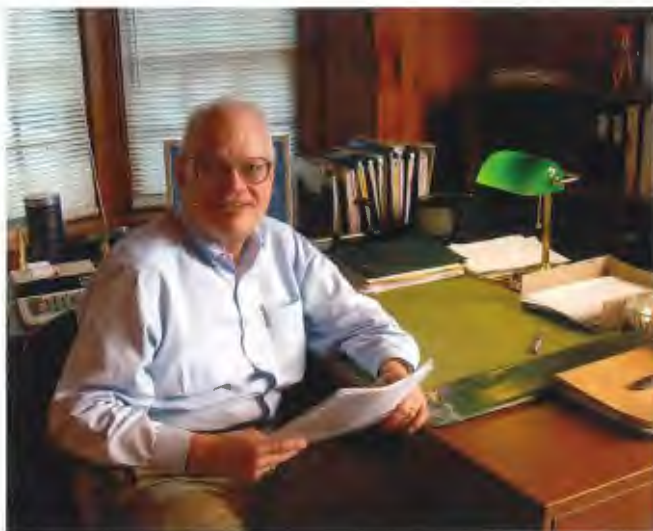
**Joel Ranck '90**  
Washington, D.C.

"I hope to see Juniata play against the University of Scranton. I believe that competing against colleges with the same academic mission will increase Juniata's presence in these new areas. (Playing teams with) similar academic standards will have a positive impact on the level of competition in the new conference."

**Gretta Gross '92**  
Scranton Area

Information and map data provided by  
**Meredith Eatough '09** and  
**Lisa Castagna '09**





*Bill Alexander '66 presided over Juniata's finances for more than 40 years and helped oversee some of the College's most ambitious projects.*

## 'Bill A' Bids Juniata Adieu

**Bill Alexander '66**, vice president for finance and operations at Juniata and the man who kept close watch on College finances for four decades, retired in January.

Alexander, whose financial acumen guided the College, spent most of his educational and working life on the campus. Bill's parents were Juniata alumni as well.

"Bill is one of the pantheon of individuals who have had a truly major impact on Juniata," says President Tom Kepple. "His steady hand on the finances of the College over 40 years in both high stress and good times has meant that Juniata has not just survived but prospered. When you look around Juniata you see Bill's impact everywhere."

He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Juniata and was hired by Juniata as an assistant for institutional research and instructor in economics after graduation. He earned a master's degree in economics from the University of Minnesota in 1972.

Alexander returned to the Juniata College in 1972 as director of institutional research until 1976, when he was named College business manager, which, at the time, was the chief financial officer position for the College. In 1983 he was named vice president for financial affairs and in 1994 his title was changed to vice president for finance and operations. Alexander is married to **Sue Alexander, '68** a township supervisor for Oneida Township. The couple has twin sons, Scott, a watershed specialist for the Fulton County Conservation District, and Todd, a stockbroker for Edward Jones.

"Bill's focus was always on students," says Jim Lakso, Juniata's provost. "When faced with a tough choice, his sense of the impact on student outcomes always guided his decisions. Bill was the fiscal cop at Juniata. The long-term financial health of the organization depends critically on having a good cop. It's easy to blame the fiscal cop for the 'no' — if you don't have a realistic understanding of the college's financial circumstances. To do the job for as long as Bill did, required more than anything that others in the organization understood that his honesty and integrity were the characteristics that defined him — and they did."

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## Green Speech: Sustainability Topic Fuels Bailey Oratorical

**Lisa Detweiler '07**, of Berwyn, Pa., refused to be mowed down by her competitors and won the Bailey Oratorical Contest by arguing that the best model for a sustainable planet is the simple blade of grass.

Detweiler and six other contestants were asked to address the topic "What local and/or global solutions to sustainability challenges would you recommend and why?"

**Elena Amato '07**, from Baltimore, Md., earned the second-place prize and **John Peter Melle '07**, from Phoenixville, Pa., was awarded the third-place prize.

Detweiler's deep-rooted belief in sustainable agriculture carried the day. "Grass (based) farming is a method that considers the rejuvenation of our earth, as well as its people," she argued. "It restores the life below the soil, allowing for more diverse crops to thrive. This allows the animals to medicate themselves off the nutrients of the land. No more drowning in veterinarian bills, no more ingesting harmful pathogens. I am the grass, let me work!"

Detweiler concluded her speech by saying, "Sustainability — go to the supermarket. Spend that extra dollar for local foods. Support the grass (based) farmers in your area who use grass (based) methods. Know that their animals were not abused.

Know that you are ingesting the purest nutrients of the earth, and lowering your risk of heart disease and cancer. The root of all this is grass."

The remaining four finalists were: junior **Adam Stanley '08**, of Huntingtown, Md.; **Laura Drews '07**, of Centreville, Md.; **Magda Sarnowska '07**, an international student from Mazowieckie, Poland (and last year's winner); and **Josh Scacco '07**, of Lebanon, Pa.



Photo by Chris Shannon '09

*Lisa Detweiler '07, of Berwyn, Pa., extolled the benefits of grass-based farming for her winning speech at the 2007 Bailey Oratorical Contest.*



*Neil Pelkey, assistant professor of environmental science, collaborated on a study with two biologists at the University of the South that found that an unexpected diversity of birds prefer exurban habitats.*

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## For The 'Burbs: Research Reveals Birds Like Suburbs

Where do the most diverse populations of birds tend to hang out — in a stand of gorgeous white pine trees or in an exurban habitat (that is, the mix of suburban, farm and rural landscapes seen surrounding many large and small cities)? If you guessed the pine stand, you may be wrong. Juniata's Neil Pelkey, assistant professor of environmental science, and two University of the South biologists have found that urban sprawl brings in more birds.

"These exurban areas — hobby farms, new large-plot size developments, rural areas — had a much higher diversity of birds than we expected," says Pelkey. "When you think about it, good bird habitat contains lots of trees and a wide variety of tree species, with a mix of shrubs, vegetation and food sources on the ground. That is exactly what you see in these communities growing outward from urban areas."

The researchers compared the diversity of bird populations in three environments — natural forests, tree plantations and exurban areas — in seven counties along the Cumberland Plateau in Tennessee over two years. The study found that tree plantations had much less bird diversity than either exurban areas or natural forest.

The project, which was funded by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, combined field surveys with digital map databases to analyze what species were in specific habitats. "In the exurban area individual landowners are creating their own forested landscape, which by definition will be diverse," he explains. "Now, if everybody was planting the exact same thing, you would probably notice less bird species."



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## Hillman Foundation Funds \$500,000 Full-Tuition Scholarship



*The Hillman Foundation funded a \$500,000 scholarship in honor of **Ronald Wertz '59**, president and chief executive officer of the foundation.*

The Hillman Foundation, a Pittsburgh-based philanthropic foundation, has approved a \$500,000 grant to Juniata to establish an endowed scholarship to honor **Ronald W. Wertz '59**, the foundation's longtime president, and his wife, **Ann '59**.

The Ronald W. and Ann L. Wertz Endowment will provide a full-tuition scholarship for four years for a highly academically qualified student.

"We are extremely grateful to the Hillman Foundation for honoring Ron and Ann in a way that will provide the

financial opportunity for an outstanding student to receive a Juniata education," says Thomas R. Kepple, president of Juniata. "There is no better gift to the College and no better way to honor two of our own."

Ron Wertz, a native of Lewistown, Pa., earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. His wife, the former Ann Larkin, a native of Pittsburgh, earned a bachelor's degree in home economics. Ann Wertz taught home economics after graduating. She later became an active community volunteer and full-time homemaker. She has held offices in organizations such as the Women's Committee of the Carnegie Museum of Art and the Junior League of Pittsburgh. During the 1980s and 1990s, she was co-principal in an advertising/public relations company.

Ron started his career in higher education at Juniata in 1959 as assistant director of admissions. He was promoted to director of admissions in 1960. In 1963, he moved to Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., where he initially served as director of financial aid and placement and later as director of development. He left Franklin & Marshall in 1969 to join the Hillman Foundation as its first executive director.

Ron has been an active volunteer for Juniata. He served on the College's board of trustees from 1987 to 1993 and served on the President's Development Council. In 1994, he received the Harold B. Brumbaugh Alumni Service Award. He served as chair of the College Task Force that planned Juniata's 1993 capital campaign. Ann has served as class fund agent for the College's annual fund.

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## Survey Says: Juniata Outstanding in Student Engagement

Juniata students recently took part in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), which measures level of academic challenge, frequency of active and collaborative learning, quality of interaction between students and faculty, prevalence of enriching educational experiences and the overall supportiveness of the campus. Seniors at the College report that well over 80 percent of the senior class had experienced an internship, practicum, field experience or clinical assignment as part of their college career. Less than 70 percent of college seniors across the country who participated in the survey had a similar experience.

"The data reveals that almost all our seniors leave here with hands-on, real-world experience from an internship or field experience and that more than half of our graduates self-designed their educational program or created an independent study project," says Thomas Kepple, president of Juniata.

Juniata was rated significantly above its peer institutions for first-year students in a number of categories. Ninety percent of first-year students said Juniata emphasizes studying and academic work, while 71 percent sought out classmates to prepare class assignments. Approximately 17 percent of first-year students have a field experience, internship or practicum, compared to just 8 percent of Juniata's peer institutions. Nearly 90 percent of the first-year students positively rated their relationships with other students, while 72 percent positively rated their interactions with Juniata's administrative staff.

Juniata's seniors rose above their peers in a number of academic categories. Students reported that 46 percent of them had written more than 10 papers of fewer than 5 pages during their college career, compared to 37 percent of their peers. The community concept of learning continues throughout the Juniata experience as 75 percent of Juniata students worked with classmates outside the classroom to prepare assignments, compared to 64 percent of peer institutions. Experiential learning is highly prized at Juniata, as 83 percent of seniors had an internship, practicum or field experience, compared to 69 percent at other colleges and universities participating in the survey. Juniata's Program of Emphasis educational plan, which allows students to design their own major, also was rated highly, as 51 percent of respondents reported they had self-designed their major or created an independent study project, compared to 41 percent of their peers.



## Dynamic Duo: Professors Explore Comic Books and Culture

*Batman, Fantastic Four, Archie or Classics Illustrated* aren't just escapist stories for children. Indeed, two Juniata professors say comic books hold intriguing keys to American history and culture.

The new course, Comics and Culture, taught by historian David Hsiung and biologist Jay Hosler, traces the history of comic books from the 1930s, when such costume-clad heroes as Superman and Batman emerged, through to the present day.

"As a historian, I'm using comic books as a primary source, the same way I would use a letter or a diary or a civic record," says Hsiung, who has had a lifelong interest in comics. Hosler is teaching the course through his perspective as a comic book author and artist. He has been a working cartoonist since his undergraduate days at DePauw University and has published two critically well-received comic book series.

"After teaching this course and hearing reactions from students to historical comic books, I can look at my own work and be inspired to try new things," says Hosler.

*Biologist Jay Hosler, left, and historian David Hsiung (who, as comics fans know, is wearing a Green Lantern sweatshirt) created a new course at the College called Comics and Culture.*

Everybody in the class tried new things as well. Each student in the class, as well as Hsiung, drew a two-page comic book. Hosler published the collection as a mini-comic at his publishing company, *Active Synapse*. The course will cover the rise of Superman and Batman in the '30s and '40s and the emergence of "super" war heroes such as Captain America. Topics to be covered also include the horror and science fiction comics of the 1950s and the emergence of the Marvel superheroes such as Spiderman and the Fantastic Four.

Finally, the course will examine the independent comics movement that started in the 1960s and continues today. "It has allowed me to tap into something I have always been interested in," Hsiung says. "It blends my vocation with an avocation. I hope that carries over to the students."



## Extra! White House Reporter Briefs Juniata Students

David E. Sanger, the chief White House correspondent for the New York Times, came to Juniata College Feb. 6 to speak about journalism, White House politics and the war in Iraq.

Sanger made it a point to meet with students in politics, communication and other POEs in an informal question-and-answer session before his speech. The lively session touches on everything from a "typical day" in the life of a

White House correspondent (answer: there is no typical day in journalism) to the legitimacy of the search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Sanger spoke briefly in his evening lecture, then opened up the floor to questions. Among the scoops students learned: Sanger says the media focused on the wrong issues before the invasion of Iraq, which resulted in a betrayal of public trust for all media outlets.

Sanger has been the top White House correspondent for the New York Times for most of the presidency of President George W. Bush. He has done major reporting on many of the most stunning Washington-based news stories of the past six years, including the Bush Administration's policies on the war in Iraq, the emergence of the Iraq Study Group, the investigation into the "outing" of Valerie Plame as a covert C.I.A. agent, and many other stories. He has twice been a member of Pulitzer Prize-winning reporting teams.



Photo by Chris Shannon '09

*David Sanger, chief White House correspondent for the New York Times, visited the Juniata campus and switched roles, allowing himself to be questioned by curious students after his talk and in informal meetings.*

## Decamp for Camp!

During the summer months, Juniata is not as quiet as you may think. In addition to the research students, interns and a lot of maintenance work, Juniata hosts many different camps and conferences. Why not send your kids, or even attend one yourself?

June 12-14	JC Football Day Camp
June 15-17	JC Men's Basketball Team I Camp
June 18-22	JC Soccer Day Camp
June 22-23	JC Strength & Conditioning Clinic
June 24-27	Volleyball Express I
June 29-July 1	JC Men's Basketball Team II Camp
July 6-8	JC Women's Basketball Camp
July 12-15	JC Soccer Team I Camp
July 15-18	Volleyball Express II
July 19-22	JC Soccer Team II Camp
July 20-22	JC Cheer Camp
July 22-25	JC Women's Field Hockey Camp
July 22-25	Volleyball Express III
July 27-29	JC Women's Volleyball Team Camp
July 30-Aug 3	JC Basketball Day Camp

Visit [services.juniata.edu/conferences](http://services.juniata.edu/conferences) for more information or call (814) 641-3604 to register.

# Alumni Profile

## Erik Dumont '97

The old cliché about taking a job “to get your foot in the door” was by no means a tired rationalization for Erik Dumont. The 1997 graduate left his home in Rootstown, Ohio, for Juniata in 1993 with an interest in environmental politics. Using the POE and his natural talent for making connections, he left Juniata after commencement for a job that literally required him to get a foot in the door of homeowners willing to listen to his pitch for Ohio Citizen Action, a consumer advocacy agency that specialized in organizing grassroots campaigns.

The path that led him to those Ohio doorsteps began at Juniata, where he designed a POE in Ecology, Peace and Conflict Studies and Sustainable Development, and eventually led him to his current career as national field director for the Alaska Wilderness League.

All it took was a love of the outdoors (both in the environmental and working sense) and the steady thinning of some shoe leather. Erik's first job was as a door-to-door canvasser for the Ohio group, which meant he spent eight hours a day knocking on doors trying to convince people to support the advocacy agency's goals.

“I've always thought I should get a T-shirt made saying, ‘Everything I Needed to Know in Life, I Learned by Canvassing,’” he says, laughing. “I learned how to be concise, how to take rejection and how to ask for money, which is a skill most people are uncomfortable even trying to attain.”

Despite getting rejected by 75 percent of the people he met, Erik knew that environmental activism and lobbying was the career he was meant for, and he soon was promoted to field manager and then senior field manager. He still knocked on doors, but only one or two days a week. The rest of the time he trained others to organize campaigns on environmental issues.

In 1999, he entered a different door and switched jobs to become field director for the Citizens League for the Environment in New York, where he worked in White Plains and Long Island. He still canvassed for his employer's issues, but he spent most of his time orchestrating community campaigns on acid rain and groundwater and PCB pollution in the Hudson River. He found his education from Juniata invaluable in making the issues understandable to citizens. “That's why I created my POE in ecology, so I could have a solid background in the natural sciences,” he explains.

In Erik's new job, he tried to convince local officials and legislators about the rightness of his issues and also served as the organization's media representative, which gave him invaluable experience at framing environmental issues for reporters. His job was the ultimate field experience because he was organizing not through e-mails or faceless telephone calls but by real interaction with people. “I know people can make a difference if they become part of the political process,” he says.

As part of his political education, Erik traveled to Washington, D.C. periodically for the Citizens League. During one of his trips, he attended a conference sponsored by the Alaskan Wilderness League and was so energized by the experience he

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Photo provided by Erik Dumont

*Erik Dumont '97 has created a public and environmental advocacy career through hard work and by knocking on doors and convincing people of the rightness of his cause.*

*“I know people can make a difference if they become part of the political process.”*



## Alumni Stay Connected To JC - Near And Far!

### Join the Alumni NewsGroup!

A weekly newsletter will arrive via e-mail (usually two or three a month) to keep you up to date on campus happenings, student and alumni news, Juniata sports and regional alumni event schedules. A special edition is always sent on the morning of Mountain Day so we can honor this tradition near and far from Huntingdon.

The NewsGroup is a service provided by the Juniata College Alumni Association and is operated by a volunteer. The NewsGroup has touched thousands of alumni for more than eight years now and has proven to be a valuable source of information to keep Juniata alumni connected. The feedback received from the members is quite positive - see what they are talking about!

Stay connected with the Juniata community along with the more than 6,000 current members in the NewsGroup. Invite your fellow classmates, parents and friends of the College to catch the Blue and Gold spirit.

Register now online at [www.juniata.edu/alumni](http://www.juniata.edu/alumni) or e-mail the volunteer editor **Jodie (Monger) Gray '88** at [jmonger@metrics.net](mailto:jmonger@metrics.net).

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### Eula (Guthrie) Fyock

currently resides at the Brethren Village in Lancaster, Pa. and would love to hear from Juniata alumni from her era.

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### Thelma (Smith) Scott

celebrated her 90th birthday on Jan. 21, 2007. Family and friends were thrilled to share this special occasion with Thelma, and also enjoyed recalling their wonderful times at Juniata. (l-r) **Harold C. Grimm '61**, **Michael R. Scott '88** (Thelma's grandson), **Thelma (Smith) Scott**, and **Laura (Singel) Scott '87**.



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### Herbert N. Brownlee

retired after 70 years of service to the Gospel Ministry, with the last seven serving the congregation at the Presbyterian Church in Mikesville, Fla. He celebrated his

90th birthday on Feb. 18, 2007 and is still going strong. Herbert works part-time delivering cars for dealers in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and Alabama. He is having fun driving some of the best cars ever made.

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### Dwight W. Rieman

has been the founder and editor for seven years of *Peace Talk*, a publication of the University of Missouri Peace Studies Program.

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### Janet (Holcomb) Utts

moderates a blog on the Roycroft Campus Corporation's Web site that attracts visitors from around the world. The motivation behind the blog is to encourage correspondence and provide information to promote tourism.

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### Charles N. Pickell

was recently honored by having a

new fellowship hall, Pickell Hall, and education building at the Ashburn, Va. Presbyterian Church named after him.

'50

### Charles R. Dillen

and wife **Patricia (Beale)**, celebrated their 60th consecutive Mountain Day. Chick and Pat began their freshman year in 1946 at Juniata and attended their first Mountain Day. After graduation, the couple decided to continue the tradition. When their children were small, they reserved an afternoon each fall, packed a lunch, and the whole family headed for the woods. In more recent years, Chick and Pat have celebrated this day, just the two of them. They visit a different state park each year and schedule it near the same time as Juniata's annual Mountain Day. In 2006, the couple hiked the nature trails in Poe Valley State Park in the Bald Eagle State Forest in Pennsylvania.



### B. Jane (Lauffer) Pickell

moved to a retirement community in Fort Worth, Texas where her son is a physician. She is thoroughly enjoying her new life.

'52

### Earl E. Fowler

received the Joyce R. Fowler Award on March 29, 2007 from the Center for Resolutions in Media, Pa. The Center renamed their Volunteer of the Year Award

in honor of Earl's late wife **Joyce (Rinehart) '55**. Beginning in 2008, the award will be given to a Youth Aid Panel volunteer who exemplifies Joyce's dedication and commitment to helping the community.

### Robert H. Sames

is happy to announce that his son and daughter-in-law are expecting their first child. This will be the ninth grandchild for Robert and wife Judith.

'53

### Harold L. Frederick Jr.

was honored for serving as Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 461 in Souderton, Pa. for 50 years.

'54

### Nancy (Vaughn) Kyper

received the Juniata Valley School District Exceptional Service Award on May 27, 2006. Her teaching career in mathematics spanned 40 years, with 32 of those at Juniata Valley. Nancy coached Math Counts, basketball, track and field, and cross country while there, and she still enjoys substituting in math, private tutoring, and being a volunteer coach for cross country and track and field. Nancy bikes on the Rails-to-Trails near Alexandria, Pa. and walks four miles a day. She has been retired for 13 years.

'56

### Nan (Heller) and James D. Hunt

celebrated their 50th Juniata class reunion and their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2006. Their graduation and wedding were held the same day and presided by then-Juniata president **Dr. Calvert N. Ellis '23**. The wonderful celebration once again brought together friends, family, and alumni.

## Reunion planned for NIH normal control patients

A reunion of all BVS and MCC volunteers who served as normal control patients at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), during the time period of 1953 through 1975, is scheduled for Sept. 8, 2007 at NIH in Bethesda, Md. Anyone interested in more information regarding the reunion may contact James Conrad at 1511 N. Ridge Rd., Perkasie, PA 18944 or e-mail [nihcontrol@yahoo.com](mailto:.nihcontrol@yahoo.com)



### John T. Yates Jr.

was named to the faculty of the University of Virginia. As of Jan. 1, 2007, after 24 years as the Mellon Professor of Chemistry and Physics at the University of Pittsburgh and the founding director of the Pittsburgh Surface Center, he brings his 45 years of experience to the chemistry and astronomy departments at the University of Virginia. John is a renowned physical and surface chemist and a member of the National Academy of Science. He was awarded the 2007 Peter Debye Award in Physical Chemistry, his fifth ACS award, at the Spring 2007 American Chemical Society meeting.

### '58

*Be sure to mark your calendar for your 50th Reunion Celebration – June 5-8, 2008.*

Please contact staff liaisons Kim Kitchen or Pat Musselman if you would like to volunteer and serve on your reunion committee. (814-641-3114; kitchek@juniata.edu or 814-641-3119; musselp@juniata.edu.)

### '60

#### Ernest W. Davidson

and wife Wanda live in Iola, Kan. and now have two grandchildren, Michael, 11, and Hallie Marie, 2.

#### Carolyn A. Wiant

is happily retired and babysitting for six of her 10 grandchildren in Whittier, Calif. She is also writing a book with four of her six siblings.

### '61

#### Evangeline (Fike) Turner

enjoys spending time with her family. Evangeline and her brother John held a "great grands" birthday party Sept. 13, 2006 for their father Olonzo, 90, and Christian, 2, who was born on his great-grandfather's birthday. Christian has an older brother, William, 5, who is attending kindergarten this year.

### '63

*Be sure to mark your calendar for your 45th Reunion Celebration – June 5-8, 2008.*

Please contact staff liaison Evelyn Pembroke if you would like to volunteer and serve on your reunion committee. (814-641-3440; pembroe@juniata.edu)

#### Roger W. Barnes

has returned to his first occupational love as an independent insurance broker operating on his own in Westminster, Md. As a hobby, Roger enjoys farming and says that life is good.

#### James R. Hunter

retired this spring after more than 30 years teaching sociology at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

#### Thomas M. Stauffer

has had the opportunity to hold many prestigious job positions. Currently, he is the president and chief executive officer of the American University of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan. He resides in Napa, Calif.

### '64

#### Richard C. Morgan

and wife Marilyn (Rear) '65 spent a month this past fall traveling in their camper from their home in Lake Hopatcong, N.J. to Vicksburg, Miss. The most interesting part of their trip occurred in Memphis at the Civil Rights Museum, located in the former Lorraine Motel where Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. They intended to take the normal audio tour, but were interrupted and asked by a film crew to participate in another type of tour. The crew was from the History Channel and filming a segment of a series called "Our Generation" which deals with the major events that affected our lives during the 1960s. Rich and Marilyn were a part of a multiracial group that was asked to participate with comments and observations and presented a wide range of perspectives on their memories and experiences. Rich did indicate Juniata's participation in the march in Selma, Ala. and the participation of Harriet

(Richardson) Michel '65 and others. The most emotional moment of the experience was when Rich and Marilyn got to stand on the balcony where King was shot and peered at the window across the street where the assassin lurked. The segment was televised on the History Channel in December 2006.



#### Randall M. Pletcher

and wife Donna (Edmiston) '65 have been promoted from part-time daycare to full-time for their grandchildren – Go Barney and SpongeBob SquarePants!

#### Jeffrey M. Varnes

has accepted a Red Cross position in Las Vegas, Nev. after serving as executive director of the York County Chapter of the American Red Cross for nearly 20 years. The Las Vegas chapter is growing in order to meet the needs of the populous city. He is primed for the professional challenge and began his new position on Jan. 2, 2007. Jeff was responsible for directing the Red Cross response to Shanksville, Pa., after the Flight 93 crash, and also helped respond to Hurricane Katrina. He is a member of the governor's

homeland security advisory committee, and coordinates state relations for the American Red Cross chapters in Pennsylvania.

#### Harold A. Yocum

plans to stop full-time private practice of hand surgery as the magic of being 65 settles in. He will continue to be an active part of the University of Oklahoma School of Health Services faculty, where he will work three days a week.

### '65

#### C. Neale and Susan (Veith) Clopper

welcomed their first grandchild, Meredith Caroline, on June 1, 2006. Meredith lives in Austin, Texas, and enjoys watching football with her Pop-Pop and leading cheers with Grammy Sue.



#### Wayne E. Long

a longtime Shanksville-Stonycreek (Bedford, Pa.) teacher and Vikings basketball coach, Wayne retired in 2006 after 32 years on the varsity bench and 41 years in the

### Alumni Weekend 2008 – June 5-8

The class reunion volunteers and the alumni office are busy preparing for next year's fun-filled family-friendly Alumni Weekend. Each year more than 500 people come to College Hill to enjoy good food, friends, and fellowship. Offered once again will be the popular Alumni College program.

The date has been set for Alumni Weekend 2008 – June 5-8. Special reunions will be held for class years ending in 3 and 8, with the exception of the five-year and 10-year reunions, scheduled for Homecoming Weekend. These special reunion classes are highlighted in red in the Class Notes section. If your reunion is coming up and you would like to work with your reunion committee, please contact your staff liaison.

Remember . . . Alumni Weekend isn't only for reunion classes – it is open to the entire alumni body to enjoy. For more information and to keep abreast of your reunion class activities, check out the website at [www.juniata.edu/alumni](http://www.juniata.edu/alumni).



## Trustee Profile: Carol Lake



A 1966 Juniata graduate, Carol is chief executive officer of Verefi Technologies, Inc., a healthcare simulation company based in Elizabethtown, Pa. She was formerly Professor and Chair, Department of Anesthesiology, and Assistant VP for Health Affairs/Continuing Education at the University of Louisville from 1999-2004. She earned her medical degree from the Medical College of Pennsylvania. She has never stopped in her educational journey, earning an M.B.A. from the University of California, Irvine in 1997. She has written or edited four major textbooks. Finally, Carol earned a master's degree in public health from the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan in 2000.

classroom. He began his tenure as the Vikings head coach in 1972 and accrued a 421-373 mark. He reached the 400 varsity wins mark at the end of 2005 in the PIAA playoffs. His teams won District 5 Class A crowns in 1981 and 1999 and captured multiple Somerset County League titles plus a WestPAC championship. Wayne misses the students, faculty and camaraderie of coaching but is enjoying retirement.

### James F. Mayhew

has been married for 40 years to his first love, Ruth (Rank) '66, who he met as a student at Juniata. They live in Lubbock, Texas, and have four children, all college athletes and graduates, and eight grandchildren.

### Jesse H. Wright III

has a new book *Learning Cognitive Behavior Therapy: An Illustrated Guide* (American Psychiatric Press Inc. 2006) that is used as the basic text in psychiatry, psychology and social work training programs throughout the United States. The book includes a DVD with video illustrations of key treatment methods.

'66

### Alberta Y. Haught

retired as a volunteer researcher for the Huntingdon County (Pennsylvania) Historical Society, having assumed the duties in November 1991. She has enjoyed working with numerous people from the area interested in the history and heritage of Huntingdon County.

### Daniel T. Wilshire

and wife Debora retired from Penn State Altoona on June 30, 2006. The couple moved to Maryland this spring.

'67

### Lawrence A. Casper

was appointed associate director of Biomedical Center for Translational Research at the University of Wisconsin. The program won a \$1 million-per-year grant from the Coulter Foundation to conduct clinical research. He still remains the assistant dean of engineering for Research and Tech Transfer part time.

### Arden S. Heverly

spent two weeks in Poland last summer visiting his son Arden and studying at Maria Skłodowska University in Lubin. He said it was a totally exciting, gratifying, and unexpected experience.

### Richard V. Snyder

and wife Pamela reside in Harrisburg, Pa. They are proud to announce that their son, Nathan, is a freshman at Naropa University in Boulder, Colo.

'68

*Be sure to mark your calendar for your 40th Reunion Celebration – June 5-8, 2008.*

Please contact staff liaison Sally Oberle '99 if you would like to volunteer and serve on your reunion committee. (814-641-3109; oberles@juniata.edu)

### Paul E. Baker

and wife Joanne reside in Harrisburg, Pa. They are pleased to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Thomas John Baker-Trinity, born May 27, 2006.

### Jennifer (Walters) Stahl



is executive director of the Huntingdon County Historical Society. She works with

Judith A. Heberling '68 as curator. Her sons Ben and Greg live in Sun Valley, Idaho, and Ben was married in September 2006. Jennifer and husband Richard E. Stahl '68 reside in Huntingdon, Pa.

'69

### James F. Nicolosi

and wife Crystal (Smith) '70 are

proud to announce the marriage of their son James. They are also excited about the birth of their grandchild, Gabrielle, 14 months old. James is manager of Gwinnett Mall in Atlanta and their other son, Jon, is a recording artist with his own business, Traffic Records.

'70

### Donald H. Barrett

was honored by Tyrone Area School District, Tyrone, Pa. as one of its distinguished alumni. His many achievements and services in the U.S. Navy were recognized. His personal military awards consist of the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Navy Commendation Medal. After 30 years of service as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy, he retired in July 2001. Don currently serves as the committee

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decided to make another step up the career ladder. He had decided to find a Washington-based job with an environmental organization. A month before his scheduled move, he saw a job announcement with the Alaska Wilderness League, applied for it and moved to Washington with a job as national field director.

Although he's in Washington, Erik doesn't spend much time schmoozing senators (he did, however, recently shake hands with Sen. Hillary Clinton) and representatives. He spends most of his time organizing field offices, much like the ones where he learned the art of canvassing and political organization.

The group spends much of its time and resources on protecting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the Tongass National Forest "In 2005, we spent all our time on protecting the Refuge and the fact we were able to protect it with a pro-drilling President and Congress was pretty amazing."

Although Erik's early career had him in the great outdoors, nowadays he spends most of his time at his desk. When people hear he works for the Alaskan Wilderness League, they often ask if he spends a lot of time wearing parkas or driving dog sleds. Unfortunately no, although he does travel to Alaska once a year to visit the state's wilderness areas. "Alaska is a mystical place for a lot of people. In many areas, it looks like it did 1,000 years ago before European explorers saw it," he says. "People know this is one of our last chances not to screw it up."

Erik delivers that impassioned message almost every day he's at work and often during his off time. But that commitment comes easily to a person who has spent his career changing minds one at a time.

"That's one of the big lessons I learned at Juniata. If you want to do something or get someone to change a decision, work to make it happen," Erik says. "That sort of engagement is all that grassroots organizing is. It's only limited by the scope of your imagination."



## Service Travel Program - Ecuador Experience; Planning Panama



community service and travel, with a sprinkle of adventure. JourneyWays focuses on providing those who sign up for a scheduled trip with the best of both worlds: meeting and working alongside new friends and exploring their country.

In November 2006, several alumni, family and friends, including long-time faculty member, Dave Drews, traveled to Ecuador with Journeyways ([www.journeyways.org](http://www.journeyways.org)). While there, they toured Quito, shopped in the market town of Otavalo, hiked the rim of the volcanic lake of Lago Cuicocha, visited the town of Cotacachi, hiked the Alto Choco rainforest, and toured a number of sustainable agriculture projects. The group also took laptop computers for the school in Pucara' in the Intag valley and spent several days there helping build a house and other community construction projects.

"I simply loved the Ecuador trip and JourneyWays," said **Sheila Squier '83**, who took part in the November trip. "I'd recommend them, and have, to others and would take another trip with them. Everything was well organized and we were well cared for. In addition, the in-country guide/host was awesome. We had exposure to things we wouldn't have had on our own and the community-service piece was highly rewarding."

Up next for Juniata and JourneyWays is a trip to Panama. The group will travel from Oct. 13–Oct. 26, 2007. On tap for the journey will be a Habitat for Humanity service project in Santiago, Panama, a Panama Canal tour of the Miraflores Lock and museum, the Boquete highlands exploration and service project, adventures in the jungle highlands, and discovering the real Panama on a path less traveled.

The 13-day/12-night excursion will cost \$1,990 (includes all meals, lodging, tours, land transportation and guides). Airfare is not included in the price of the trip. For more information about the trip, please visit the Web site listed above or contact the Alumni Office at [alumni@juniata.edu](mailto:alumni@juniata.edu) or call toll-free 1-877-JUNIATA (586-4282).

Juniata has teamed up with JourneyWays to provide alumni, family and friends with a unique traveling experience. On JourneyWays volunteer vacations you will get to know intimately an exotic location while helping a community at the same time. The trips consist of a balanced mix of



*Pictured astride the equator in Ecuador are (front to back): Sheila Squier '83, Alice (Smith) Pelow '65, Betsy Haller, Lauri Reeder '75, Lucy Cookson '64, Colin Millar, Sharon (Peirce) Boyer '69, Biff Houldin, Jack Jensen, Fraser Grigor, Dave Drews.*

of the Raystown Country Reading Council.

### John S. Smith

was inducted into the Central Chapter Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on Nov. 13, 2006. In 2005, he was also inducted into the Lebanon High School and Juniata College halls of fame. Throughout his high school career, he managed to earn five letters in basketball and track from 1965 to 1967. He ranks third on Juniata's career scoring list in basketball with 1,512 points. He was also a first-team all-Middle Atlantic Conference and first-team ECAC selection during his senior year.

## '72

### Albert A. D'Ambrosia

has announced his retirement at the end of the 2006-2007 school year after serving as a principle of the Penns Valley Area High School for 14 years. He plans to spend more time with family.

### David A. Desmond

retired in December 2005 after serving as warden of Lycoming County Prison in Pennsylvania for 24 years. He managed 100 employees and more than 340 inmates and implemented many innovative programs.

### Susan (Grimes) Hodgkins

and husband Jay are proud to announce that daughter Shelby E. Hodgkins '10 is a freshman at Juniata.

### Timothy D. and Kathryn (Stavru) Statton

were part of a West Coast contingent of Juniataans that officially declared "Winter Mountain Day" at the Rombauer Winery in California's Napa Valley on Jan. 6, 2007. (l-r back row) Andrew J. Englesbe '72, Lloyd E. Rogers, III '71, Kathryn (Stavru) Statton '72, Timothy D. Statton '72 (l-r front row) Laurie Englesbe, Sarah (Reeder) Rogers '71.



chair for Boy Scout Troop 648 and is a full-time defense consultant with Booz, Allen, Hamilton, Inc. in San Diego, Calif.

### Peter A. Schuyler

retired Sept. 1, 2006, after 36 years with Hercules, Himont, Montell & Basell. He started his own company in the plastics industry called P&C Polymers in New Boston, N.H.

## '71

### Suzanne (Moyer) and Harry S. Gicking '70

vacation each summer in Sea Isle City, N.J., with the "football

crowd." The group also includes Terry J. Turnbaugh '70, Peter J. Straup '70, David M. Fleck '69, Frank J. DiMatteo '70 and wife Joyce, Salvatore A. Mercandante '72, Debbie Beideman, and Sue Bryson/Allardice. The two Gicking grandsons and the five Straup grandsons also attend. They are working to field a "grandparents" football team in about 15 years.

### Steven D. LeVan

was recognized by the Raystown Country Reading Council for his exemplary accomplishments in the field of literacy with the 2006 Celebrate Literacy Award. Steve is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Adult Continuing

Education and the Huntingdon County Adult Education and Literacy Coalition, and has made significant contributions at the local level in the area of adult literacy. He serves as an adult education instructor with the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit, with which he has completed 13 adult basic skills classes at Juniata Valley High School, teaching computer skills to adults. He also serves as co-director of LitCorps program at Juniata College, where tutors serve local county literacy providers for a minimum of 40 hours as a part of class completion requirements. The award was presented by Valerie Park, assistant professor of education at Juniata, and president



**'73**

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Please contact staff liaison Linda Carpenter if you would like to volunteer and serve on your reunion committee. (814-641-3111; carpenl@juniata.edu)

### Timothy E. Jablonski

and **Bruce L. Moyer '74** may have lived coasts apart (Tim in Encinitas, Calif., and Bruce in Takoma Park, Md.) but they have remained close since graduating from Juniata. They got together along with their wives on July 14, 2006 to celebrate Bastille Day, Woody Guthrie's birthday and 30 plus years of friendship and crazy fun time together. (l-r) **Bruce L. Moyer '74**, **JoAnn Bowman '75**, **Katie Jablonski**, and **Timothy E. Jablonski**.



### Jeffrey A. Scott

and wife Allene live in Saco, Maine, with sons Aaron and Jason. Jason, a junior at Thornton Academy in Saco, was announced as one of next year's co-captains of the varsity football team. Jason also plays in the competitive jazz band, is active in Student Government and Chamber Singers, runs track, and is in the top 10 percent of his class.

### Donald J. Sterling Jr.

is president and co-founder of SNR Advertising in Lancaster, Pa., where he and wife **Lynne (Wolford) '74** reside.

**'74**

### Michael A. Jablonski

formed a brass quintet in January 2005 called the Logan River Brass. Michael, who lives in River Heights, Utah, plays classical music with the quintet and have performed at some interesting venues: an interfaith Thanksgiving celebration, a star-gazing party high in Utah's Wasatch Moun-

tains, and at the grand opening of an organic grocery store.

**'75**

### Patricia (Adams) Pavkovic

and Juniata classmates have been getting together for a yearly reunion since 2005. The group also includes **Cordelia J. Carson '75**, **Melodee (Furry) Wingate '75**, and **Susan (Agnew) Huke '75**. The four enjoyed a weekend in September 2006 at Point Pleasant Beach in New Jersey – a great time was had by all.

### Robert N. Trigiano

was elected fellow of the American Society of Horticultural Science and appointed senior editor of *Plant Disease*, published by the American Phytopathological Society. He also started Creative Agricultural Technologies, LLC to market disease-resistant dogwood trees developed at the University of Tennessee by his research team.

**'76**

### Bruce R. Erb

was appointed to the Pennsylvania Bankers Association Government Relations Policy committee. He will serve a two-year term on the committee that is responsible for the overall state legislative program of the association, determining policy positions and priorities on pending or proposed state legislation. Bruce is president of Omega Bank Wealth Management in Hollidaysburg, Pa.

### Mark P. Francischetti

joined TechTeam Global as the vice president of sales and marketing, Americas. After 30 years of experience in information technology sales, operations, and marketing and international leadership at various companies, he now has the role of managing the TechTeam Global's sales team and developing and executing marketing strategies.

**'77**

### Linda A. Dominguez

founded a law firm in March 2006 after more than 16 years as a federal prosecutor. She specializes in immigration law, Equal

Employment Opportunity plaintiffs and domestic violence victims assistance. Linda was married in 1993 to Ernest Steward. They have two sons, Tetsuo, 12 and Eric, 13.

### Stephen S. Hale

was awarded the U.S. Forest Service's 2006 Excellence in Interpretation and Conservation Education Award in November 2006 in Albuquerque, N.M. This award acknowledges outstanding contributions toward advancing the professions of interpretation and education, encouraging public stewardship, and using creativity to provide unique learning opportunities and memorable visitor experiences. Steve was also named Conservation Educator of the Year from the Nevada Wildlife Federation and was given an award in May 2006 in Reno, Nev., from the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest for his professional success in building conservation education partnerships and internship programs. He is respected for his 13 years of recruiting, teaching, and orchestrating the partner agencies and volunteers who run the High Sierra Resources Workshop for high school students. (l-r) **Stephen S. Hale '77** and Dr. Safiya Samman, National Director of Conservation Education for the Forest Service in Washington, D.C.



### Keith E. Hartman

is the business development manager for Mantec Inc. Mantec is a private, nonprofit, industrial resource center, serving manufacturers in a nine-county region of south-central Pennsylvania.

### Robert S. McGregor

was promoted to professor of pediatrics at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pa. He is vice chairman of pediatrics at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and was elected president of American

Association of Pediatric Program Directors.

**'78**

Be sure to mark your calendar for your 30th Reunion Celebration – June 5-8, 2008.

Please contact staff liaison Mike Keating if you would like to volunteer and serve on your reunion committee. (814-641-3442; keatinm@juniata.edu)

### Bonita (Books) Cochard

celebrated her 50th birthday with a trip to France. She and husband Mark spent four days in Burgundy and five days in Paris. Bonnie's actual birthday was spent touring Giverny, Monet's home, and climbing the Eiffel Tower.

### Thomas W. Phillips

was named the 2006 recipient of the Sarkeys Distinguished Professor Award by the Oklahoma State University Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. The award is based on outstanding contributions to agriculture through teaching, research, or extension efforts. Tom is a professor in the department of entomology and plant pathology, and has been recognized nationally and internationally for his research accomplishments related to the grain and food-processing industry, and has been sought after as a guest lecturer at other institutions in the United States and overseas.

### Janet (Edgar) Walbert

is serving as the president of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, NASPA, and is vice president for student affairs at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa.

**'79**

### Denise (Balmer) Greenberg

received her master's degree in education and secondary teaching credential at Pepperdine Graduate School of Education and Psychology. She is an earth science teacher at the Culver City High School in Culver City, Calif.

### Susan E. Kane

is the liaison between the New York City campus and the new



## Coming Home: Alumni Return to Steer Student Careers



New Wilmington, Pa. Matt has returned to campus each year to participate in the event.

**Scott Kofmehl '03**, Foreign Service officer with the U.S. Department of State, enjoyed the opportunity to come back to campus and meet with students. "I was impressed with the enthusiasm, professionalism, and interest that the students displayed throughout the event." Scott made the most of his visit. "I had the opportunity to present a public lecture on Friday and then have a discussion with 2 to 30 students afterward about different career tracks in international affairs. Alumni should work with their former advisers and professors to set up similar lectures and discussions."

"As an alumnus, it's allowed me to stay connected with friends who return each year and to feel like I'm giving back to students in a really tangible way," Shaffer adds.

Alumni, parents and friends will again answer students' questions about graduate school, jobs, and life after Juniata when the Career Connection joins with the Eagle Expo Job/Internship Fair in February 2008. If you are interested in taking part in this expanded event, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at [alumni@juniata.edu](mailto:alumni@juniata.edu) or call 1-877-JUNIATA (586-4282).

branch in Doha, Qatar for the Weill Medical College of Cornell University. She is responsible for ensuring that the curriculum is the same at both campuses through the use of e-learning technology.

### Kathleen (Smith) Rueppel

is currently writing a German language textbook and has completed 12 chapters. She is successfully using the text in St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, where she is an instructor in German and Russian.

### Michael F. Salisbury

has announced he is a candidate for district attorney for Clinton County in Lock Haven, Pa. He has an extensive background in prosecuting cases and has served the legal system for 24 years, including more than 11 years as a part-time assistant district attorney.

'80

### Brenda (Geiger) Maloney

recently opened a quality systems

registrar, HMSR, to work closely with the consultation firm where she is part-owner and vice president. Brenda's husband Tim runs a computer service company, daughter Carolyn is in technical school for respiratory therapy, and son Carl is in high school.

'82

### Michael J. Ford

is now a senior high youth pastor at Franconia Mennonite Church in Telford, Pa. He was program director at Camp Hebron Inc. for 13 years. Mike and wife Valerie (Schmoyer) '90 look forward to connecting with Juniata alumni in eastern Pennsylvania.

'83

*Be sure to mark your calendar for your 25th Reunion Celebration - June 5-8, 2008.*

Please contact staff liaison Libby Cooney if you would like to volunteer and serve on your reunion committee. (814-641-3110; [cooneej@juniata.edu](mailto:cooneej@juniata.edu))

### Patrick J. Clark

and former Juniata roommates **Andrew Berdy '83**, **Stanley S. Hudzicki '83**, and **Richard L. Eberly '83** got together for a "mini reunion" at Lancaster Country Club. In an intense game of golf, on the fourth hole, Patrick sliced the ball dramatically to the right, hitting a player in the leg on the fifth hole. When the four players ran over to assist they discovered it was **Timothy D. Clapper '83**, his caddy **David M. Murphy '85**, and the cart driver **Jon M. Brizzi '84**, all their former roommates.

### Matthew A. Hugg

accepted an adjunct faculty appointment at Eastern University, in St. Davids, Pa., where he will be teaching basic and advanced fundraising in the graduate nonprofit management program. He also continues to build his business, The Campaign for You, where he works on career issues with nonprofit executives and fundraisers. You can find him on the Web at [www.CampaignForYou.com](http://www.CampaignForYou.com), and see his interview in the career section of *Army Times* at [www.armytimes.com/story.php?f=1-2923132084835.php](http://www.armytimes.com/story.php?f=1-2923132084835.php).

'84

### Jeffrey R. Rush

was named senior vice president and director of business banking at Wachovia Bank in Reading, Pa. He will develop and execute strategies that will maintain and expand client relationships for companies and nonprofits with \$3 million to \$20 million in sales. His area includes Adams, Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, and York counties.

'85



### Laurie (Haag) Howey

joined Northeast Community Lending as a mortgage

consultant and is servicing clients in Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Florida. She would like to invite any Juniata alumni visiting Ocean City, N.J. to stop by and say hello to her and sons, Dean and Kyle at their new home.

### Mark A. Loeper

was promoted by Moen Incorporated to vice president and general manager of Creative Specialties International, a leading manufacturer of decorative bath accessories and innovative bath safety products. He resides with wife Julie and their two children in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

'86

### Gregory S. Molchany

received a Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Senior Professionals in February 2007 for his exceptional long-term accomplishments. He is a senior embedded systems expert with the Department of Defense in Fort Meade, Md. Greg resides in Columbia, Md., with wife Jodie (Cignetti) '85 and two children, Allison, 18, and Marcus, 16.

'87

### William R. Hinchman

joined the Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers law firm as a partner in the litigation



and bankruptcy departments. He has served as lead trial counsel in numerous jury trials, representing both plaintiffs and defendants, and as a trial attorney for the United States Department of the Army, Judge Advocate General's Corps.

### Jane Solomon

works for the family business in Manchester, England, and as a volunteer information technology officer for the alumni organization at her old high school. Jane was busy creating and implementing a Web site that was launched in September 2006.

### Pamela (High) Spangler

is a stay-at-home mom for three children, Isabella, 6, and twins Nicholas and Natalie, 10 months.

### Steven J. Yerger

is married to Annette and has two daughters, Elizabeth, 11, and Caroline, 5. They reside in Sinking Spring, Pa.

'88

*Be sure to mark your calendar for your 20th Reunion Celebration – June 5-8, 2008.*

Please contact staff liaison **Katie (Padamonsky) Dickey** '97 if you would like to volunteer and serve on your reunion committee. (814-641-3447; padamok@juniata.edu)

### Michael C. Grill

moved to the treasury department of Foot Locker Europe in Dublin, Ireland in spring 2005. He resides just north of the city with wife **Jennifer (Musser)** '90 and three children, Grace, 12, Natalie, 7, and Edward, 3.

'89



### Steven C. Whitney

is the manager for the Main Street Program for the

Pottstown Downtown Improvement District Authority in Pottstown, Pa. His new role will entail recruiting business to the town. Steven previously worked as executive director of Reading

Beautification, a nonprofit organization; housing manager for the not-for-profit Berks Housing Opportunities in Reading, assistant to Reading Mayor Warren H. Haggarty Jr. for six years and as a stay-at-home dad to his young son and daughter for the last few years. He resides in Douglassville with wife **Karen (Lechner)** '90, son Zachary, 7, and daughter Ciara, 6.

'90

### William L. Creps Jr.

and wife **Judy (Barnett)** '91 have relocated to the Mechanicsburg, Pa., area after Bill accepted an administrative position within the Cumberland Valley School District. He is serving as principal at Monroe Elementary School. Bill and Judy have a daughter, Madison, 6 and they are expecting their second child.

### Edward L. James

was hired by Strickler Insurance Agency of Chambersburg, Pa. as a commercial producer with the primary responsibility of commercial sales. He was previously vice president at Insurance & Surety in Camp Hill. James and wife **Jill (Crouse)** '89 have two children and reside in Enola, Pa.

### Tina (Martiens) Schroeder

moved back to Annapolis, Md. with husband John and daughters Natalie, 8, Julia, 5, and Caroline, 3. The family previously lived in Southern California. Tina stays at home with the children and John runs his own logistics company.

'91

### Andres K. Hulslander

and wife Dana returned to Seattle in October 2001. The couple previously resided in New York City, where Andy was a placement manager with Wall Street Services and Dana earned her master's degree in art therapy from Pratt University. Andy, Dana, and their daughter, Leah, born Jan. 24, 2006, are enjoying life in Seattle. Dana was hired by the Rehab Without Walls division of Gentiva Health Services and promoted to the position of psychosocial counselor. Andy was re-hired by

Bicycles West and promoted to manager.



### Jennifer (Martinez) McCrystal

is living in West Grove, Pa. with husband David. She is currently a stay-at-home mom with Andrew, 5, and Abigail and Alexander, both 2. They are keeping her busy but she loves every minute of it.

'92

### Heidi M. Cullen

joined The Weather Channel as a climate expert. Her position



requires her to explain climate stories in depth and perspective. Heidi was a scientist at the National Center

for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo. She has done research in the United States, Southwest and the Middle East, publishing on domestic and international climate topics. She received a doctorate in climatology and ocean-atmosphere dynamics at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University. Her dissertation focused on trying to understand the impacts and dynamics of the North Atlantic Oscillation, an important climate influence.

### Todd S. Emrick

was promoted to associate professor with tenure in the department of polymer

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science and engineering at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Mass.

### Kimberly (Manspeaker) Miller

certified health care executive with the American College of Health Care Executives, has accepted the position of CEO for Beaver Dam Community Hospital in Beaver Dam, N.D. She and husband Rodney recently purchased a home in Williston, N.D. Kim is looking forward to becoming fully integrated into the community through volunteering and exploring her interests, which include spending time with her family, gardening, biking and playing the piano.

## '93

*Be sure to mark your calendar for your 15th Reunion Celebration – June 5-8, 2008.*

Please contact staff liaison Megan Launtz '03 if you would like to volunteer and serve on your reunion committee. (814-641-3107; launtzm@juniata.edu)

### Ronald R. Lave

completed his doctorate in educational leadership and policy analysis at the University of Missouri – Columbia in August 2006. He and wife Laura and

children, Kate, 7, and Josh, 3, moved to St. Louis, Mo., where Ronald began a new position as director of Greek life at Washington University.



### Richard T. Miller

has joined the practice of cardiothoracic surgeons at

Southcoast Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery in Fall River, Mass. He is currently the only dedicated thoracic surgeon in the region. Rich received his medical degree from University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark, N.J., and completed a residency in general surgery at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, N.J., and a cardiothoracic residency at the University of West Virginia in Morgantown, W. Va. He and wife Sarah reside in Fairhaven, Mass

### Patricia (Smith) Shope

took part in a project to help children overseas by assembling shoe box containers filled with basic items. She then got the idea to help children in her own community with the project, which is now undertaken by many area churches in the Huntingdon County. The boxes are donated to Children and Youth Services.

## '94

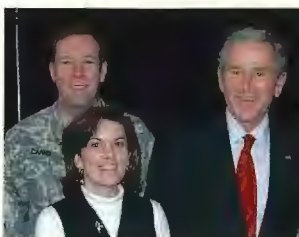
### Wilson Antoniuk

enjoyed an outing with his family to Jump Falls in the Owyhee Mountains, which is near Boise, Idaho, the family's hometown. (l-r): Wilson Antoniuk, Alyssa Antoniuk, Fischer, 6, Quinton, 5, Gryffin, 3, and Elliott, 9 months.



### Stacy (Korich) Carns

and husband Tim enjoyed lunch with President Bush when he visited Fort Benning, Ga. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and they are really glad that they were able to share it.



### Bradley J. Miller

was appointed associate medical director and program director of the Osteopathic Family Medicine Residency Program at Susquehanna Health System in Williamsport, Pa. Brad will develop and supervise the curriculum for the osteopathic physician trainees. In addition to this honor, he, along with 15 other volunteers from across the United States, completed a two-week medical expedition to south-central India. The group generously provided health care to a large Tibetan Buddhist refugee colony and monastery and local Indian villages.

## '95

### Matthew D. Davidson

of Central PA Surgical Associates Ltd. of Harrisburg, Pa., began seeing patients through the Fulton County Medical Center's specialty clinic, located in Penn's Village

Shopping Center. He graduated from medical school at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1999 after having been named to the National Osteopathic Scholastic Honor Society.

### S. Todd Hersperger

was promoted to executive assistant manager, rooms division, at the Ritz-Carlton, Tyson's Corner in McLean, Va.

### Bradford J. Scanlan

completed a general surgery residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. and was promoted to major. While there, he was the general surgery house-staff representative and an instructor of surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He received the Resident Achievement Award from The Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons and was also awarded the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. Brad is currently chief of the general surgery service at Ireland Army Hospital in Fort Knox, Ky., and deployed in April with the 31st Combat Support Hospital to Iraq. He is married to Maggie Gibson and has two children, Ryan, 4, and Sean, 2.

## '96

### Brian P. Kelly

is married to Stacey and has two sons, Michael, 5, and Patrick, 4.

### Renee L. Wildermuth

recently co-published, with Dr. Mehmet Yavas of Florida International University's Department of Linguistics, in the November 2006 *International Review of Applied Linguistics*, an article "The Effects of Place of Articulation and Vowel Height in the Acquisition of English Aspirated Stops by Spanish Speakers." The piece is based on the findings from research done for Renee's master's degree in arts thesis at Florida International.

## '97

### Matthew J. Cutshall

is employed as a case manager and hydrogeologist for Groundwater and Environmental Services Inc. in Altoona, Pa. His wife

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## Classes of '97 and '02!

Mark your calendar for Homecoming 2007, Sept. 21-23, a weekend you will not want to miss. Planning is underway for your 5- and 10-year reunions, which will be held during this festive weekend. If you have suggestions or would like to be part of your class reunion committee, please contact the Juniata College Office of Alumni Relations at 1-877-JUNIATA (586-4282) or [alumni@juniata.edu](mailto:alumni@juniata.edu).

**Melissa (Edwards) '96** recently earned her master's degree in special education from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is employed by the Altoona Area School District as a special education teacher at the Learning Express Preschool, an Early Intervention program. Matt and Melissa live in Duncansville, Pa., with their two children, Ethan and Meghan.

### **Tyler H. Heibeck**

completed his doctorate in chemistry at Boston University. He started a postdoctoral fellowship at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory at the Environmental Molecular Science Laboratory in Richland, Wash.

### **Amber (Schnieder) Ruch**

is vice president of advocacy for the Pennsylvania Association for Education of Young Children. She is leading a team of 10 from the state to Washington, D.C., for legislative visits and coordinating state legislative visits in Harrisburg for central Pennsylvania early childhood professionals.

## '98

*Be sure to mark your calendar for your 10th Reunion Celebration at Homecoming Weekend 2008.*

Please contact staff liaison David Meadows '98 if you would like to volunteer and serve on your reunion committee. (814-641-3445; [meadowd@juniata.edu](mailto:meadowd@juniata.edu))

## '99

### **Jennifer A. Aiello**

accepted a position as the newest associate veterinarian at the Leader Heights Animal Hospital in York, Pa.

### **Joel C. Pheasant**

was promoted to director of the technology solutions center at Juniata College on Nov. 1, 2006.

## '00

### **Kevin M. Andrews**

works for a geological consulting firm and attends Virginia Tech for his master's degree in mining engineering. He completed his master's degree in geology from West Virginia University in 2003.

### **Elizabeth (Johnson) Good**

earned a license as a registered nurse and currently works at the Reading Hospital and Medical Center in West Reading, Pa.

### **Timothy A. Lonesky**

finished his internal medicine residency at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., and began a two-year rheumatology fellowship at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in June 2007.

### **Julia C. Tutino**

graduated from Shippensburg University in December 2006 with a master's degree in applied history.

### **Paul S. Umbrell**

is currently serving his country as an active military officer for the United States Marine Corps. He was relocated to Okinawa, Japan, in July 2006.

## '01

### **Andrew T. Bockis**

received his law degree along with a certificate in environmental and natural resources law from the Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law in May 2006. While at Dickinson, Andy served as the editor-in-chief of the *Penn State Environmental Law Review*. He currently holds the

position of assistant counsel to the Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board in Harrisburg, Pa.

### **Lok Kwan (Kenzie) Leung**

is a senior account executive with Edelman in Hong Kong, China. The firm is an independent global public relations firm. Kenzie works with Adam L. Nelson '02.

## '02

### **Brandi A. Bottiger**

completed medical school at Penn State University College of Medicine at Hershey Medical Center in May 2006. She is in residency for anesthesiology at the center.

### **Erin M. Cornelius**

received a master's degree in educational leadership from Saint Francis University, Loretto, Pa., in August 2006.

## '03

*Be sure to mark your calendar for your 5th Reunion Celebration at Homecoming Weekend 2008.*

Please contact staff liaison Chris Gibbone if you would like to volunteer and serve on your reunion committee. (814-641-3441; [gibbonc@juniata.edu](mailto:gibbonc@juniata.edu))

### **Brad S. Hahn**

works at Supportive Concepts for Families as a certified trainer and at Albright College as assistant football coach, where he is also working toward a master's degree in education.

### **Jeffrey M. Spotts**

successfully passed the Pennsylvania Bar Examination and joined the Rheam Law Office in Lewisburg, Pa., as an associate attorney practicing in the areas of estate planning, commercial and residential real estate, civil litigation, criminal defense and business law.

### **Tomoyuki Tachikawa**

returned to Japan after graduating from the master's program at George Washington University. He works as a correspondent at the Tokyo Bureau of Dow Jones and as contributor to the *Wall Street Journal*. He is responsible for

covering Japanese economic and financial policy issues, along with foreign exchange moves. He stated that he "believes that valuable experiences in Huntingdon led to his current brilliant opportunity in Japan."

### **Liza R. Westrick**

was accepted into Case Western Reserve University's National Flight Nurse Academy. She is a clinical nurse at Metrohealth Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

### **Luke J. Widich**

graduated from Troy University with a master's degree in international relations in May 2007. Luke is a contract specialist with the U.S. Air Force in Okinawa, Japan, and wife Jennifer (Colland) '02 is a teacher.

## '04

### **Timothy A. Dempsey**

resigned his position with the Foreign Exchange Program with the U.S. Department of State, and is currently studying in St. Petersburg, Russia, on a grant from the American Council of Teachers of Russian. He looks forward to visiting Juniata upon his return.

### **Johanna M. Holtan**

finished her master's degree in international services in London, and now serves as a Peace Corps member in Eastern Europe.

### **Lucinda E. Megill**

will attend the School for International Training (SIT) in Brattleboro, Vt., in fall 2007 to pursue a master's degree in teaching English as a second language.

### **Gretchen R. Stull**

is one of the five writers of MuggleNet.com's *What Will Happen in Harry Potter 7* by Ulysses Press. Gretchen is thrilled to be associated with a book about the popular series by J.K. Rowling. She started volunteering with MuggleNet while working for the U.S. Navy as a budget analyst. She saw their advertisement for a writer and applied and was one of five accepted to write for the encyclopedia section which explores the people, places, wizards and witches, Muggles and different potions associated with





the books. The book can be purchased through Barnes and Noble and online through Amazon.com. It was

reviewed by the *New York Times* on Feb. 11, 2007 and is officially going into a second printing.

#### Sean A. Waddle

is executive director of the Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau in Huntingdon, Pa. He worked at the bureau for a year as the assistant director.

'05

#### Brandon R. Dearman

is attending Penn State College of Medicine at the Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pa.

#### Todd W. Ellick

was accepted into the Peace Corps and left for Lesotho, Africa on Nov. 7, 2006. He is a secondary education Peace Corps volunteer and provides the English language and life-skills instruction. During Todd's first three months in Lesotho, he will be living with a host family in order to learn the culture and language. After learning the skills necessary to assist the people, he will then transfer to his host community, living at the same level as the locals.

#### Christopher J. Heaster

joined WealthKare Investment Center in Shirley Township, Pa. as a portfolio designer/manager with the firm. He joins the firm from Waddell and Reed Financial Services in Harrisburg, Pa.

'06

#### Marie A. Custer

attends graduate school at University South Carolina and is pursuing a degree in the hotel, restaurant and tourism program. She was given an assistantship and works as a recruiter and special events planner for the

school's student-run restaurant and house.

#### Steven E. Knepper

had his first publication printed in 2006 and was nominated for the Jerome Stern Best Essay Award. The publication "Shoot Quick and Slow: Southern Sporting Values, Mastery, and Language in Faulkner's *Go Down, Moses*" appeared in *Studies in American Culture*, a peer-reviewed academic journal. Steve's second publication entitled "Frank Stanford" will appear in the 2007 *New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, Volume 9: Literature, a book by the University of North Carolina Press.

#### Kelly A. Laraway

is attending Penn State College of Medicine at the Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pa.

#### Brenton J. Mitchell

works for AmeriCorps with a 10-month, team-based, federally funded community service program for people ages 18-24. He has been in Lafayette, La., and Biloxi, Miss., working with organizations like Rebuilding Together and Habitat for Humanity. Much of the work has been construction to rebuild homes destroyed by hurricanes. His next project will be in Running Springs, Calif., working at an outdoor environmental camp run by the Orange County School District. Brenton is excited about the opportunity to be outdoors, to work with youth and experience another part of the country.

#### Michelle L. Nelson

attends the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine in Philadelphia, Pa.

#### Ryan A. Richards

is sponsored for a year by the Stone Church of the Brethren and Juniata College to work at Colegio Miguel Angel Asturias, a nonprofit school located Xela, Guatemala. In summer 2006, they sent medical and educational delegations totaling 51 volunteers, including doctors and professional educators. Another Juniata graduate, Emily D. Miller '05, arrived in January 2006 and Professor Henry Thurston-Griswold and wife Joanne will arrive for their sabbatical year in summer 2007

### Juniata Job Shadow Program



Local alumni, parents, family and friends of the College gathered with current students in the Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and Harrisburg areas on Mar. 25 to launch the 2007 Juniata Job Shadow program. Now in its sixth year, the program originated in D.C. as an opportunity for students to network with alumni and explore possible careers. It has expanded to other regions and now includes parents and friends as volunteer hosts.

**Pam (Green) Kochel '80** believes that everyone involved gets something out of the program. "Students get a real-world look at the workplace. Alumni get to share their expertise and help mold young alumni." She and husband **Randy '79**, a family physician in Gap, Pa., both hosted a student as the Central PA Juniata Club joined the program for the first time. Pam opened her home and classroom to **Megan Dieckman '07**, from Boonsboro, Md., who tapped into Pam's experience as a chemistry teacher at Lampeter-Strasburg High School in Lampeter, Pa.

The shadow program relies on the generosity of volunteers like the Kochels. Kick-off events were held in each area, organized by **Adam '94** and **Jennifer (Chieppa) Metz '94** in Camp Hill, Pa., **Howard Nathan '74** in Philadelphia, and **Jodie (Monger) Gray '88** in McLean, Va. Shadow hosts offered dinner and housing on Sunday night and took their students to work with them on Monday.

**Janelle Mitchell '07**, from Altoona, Pa., recognized the planning that went into her visit with **Meg McLaughlin '92**, an occupational therapist for Loudoun County Public Schools in Va. "She went out of her way to plan a full day for me. She even made arrangements for me to meet with some of her colleagues."

If you live in the D.C., Philadelphia or Harrisburg area, consider volunteering or plan to attend a kick-off event in March 2008. For more information, visit <http://www.juniata.edu/alumni/events/shadow.html>, contact David Meadows, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, at [meadowd@juniata.edu](mailto:meadowd@juniata.edu), or call (814) 641-3445.

#### Christi L. Spackman

is an associate account manager for HealthAmerica in Harrisburg, Pa.

#### Hannah C. Taylor

is employed as an education specialist at the Pocono Environmental Education Center in Dingmans Ferry, Pa. Her responsibilities include nature

hikes, fossil studies, bird-predator workshops, kayak and canoe expeditions and night-time astrology hikes.

#### Christopher L. Westbrook

is employed as a programmer analyst at Gregory Welteroth Advertising in Montoursville, Pa.



## Marriages (with photos)



### Eric G. McGee '88

and Shawn VonSick were married Sept. 16, 2006, near their home on the north side of Chicago, Ill. The newlyweds went to the Pacific Northwest, which included Oregon and the Seattle area, for their honeymoon. Alumni in attendance were David A. Kupec '89 and Christopher F. Kohout '88.

### Jason E. Henninger '92

and Natasha Karanjia were married Oct. 14, 2005. Alumni in attendance were (l-r): Christine E. Weikert '92, Dana (Patete) Giarrizzi '92, Jason E. Henninger '92, Natasha Henninger, Janelle L. Brumbaugh-Weaver '81, Christine (Victor) Pascual '92, and Eduardo B. Pascual '91.



### Kylie E. Gensimore '01

and Joseph Santini were married Nov. 12, 2005, at the Faith United Church of Christ in State College, Pa., and honeymooned in St. Lucia, Windward Islands. The couple resides in Alexandria, Va. They both work in Washington, D.C., where Joseph works as an attorney in a private practice and Kylie works as a senior program analyst for planning and performance in the federal government. Juniata alumni in attendance included (back row l-r) Timothy S. Musselman '01, Joshua M. Amigh '00, Earl C. Ashcraft '01, Ray A. Ghaner '01, (front row l-r) Allison (Zeigler) Ghaner '01, Jill E. Dusak '01, Parisha P. Shah '01, and Amy (Smith) Bockis '03.



### Megan N. McGinnis '01

and Don Swanson were married Aug. 19, 2006, at Grace United Methodist Church in Indiana, Pa. Megan earned her master's

degree in education and her reading specialist certificate in August 2006 from Indiana University in Pennsylvania. Alumni in attendance included (l-r): Ann M. E. Margrave '01, Sara (Davis) Bowen '01, Laurel E. Dziuk '01, and Megan (McGinnis) Swanson '01. In attendance, but not pictured are Jeremy L. Henderson '01 and Ashley (Myers) Golden '00.

### Alicia N. Noerr '01

and Michael Burns were married Sept. 2, 2006. The couple was joined by 20 family members and friends for an outdoor ceremony in Angel Fire, N.M. Michael's father, Reverend Murray Thompson, performed the

ceremony. Afterwards, the couple enjoyed an intimate dinner at the Roasted Clove Gourmet Restaurant. Alicia received her master's degree from the University of Scranton and currently works as a technical trainer and education consultant for GUARD Insurance Group in Wilkes Barre, Pa. Mike is also the lead programmer analyst for the company and will complete his master's in business administration from the University of Scranton in 2008.



### Jeanette E. O'Hara '01

and Jon Owejan were married Nov. 10, 2006, in Pleasant Mount, Pa., and honeymooned in St. Lucia. They both work as engineers at the Fuel Cell Research Lab of General Motors in Buffalo, N.Y. The couple resides in Honeoye, N.Y. Other alumni in attendance were Derek D. Swick '01 and Erin M. Pohronezny '02.



### Erin F. Winter '01

and Dustin Brouse (attended '99-'01) were married Sept. 20, 2006, at the Church of St. Ann in Williamsport, Pa., where the couple now resides. They honeymooned in Jamaica. Alumni in attendance included (l-r) Beth A. Knechtel



'01, Lena K. Gowder '01, Rachael E. DeHart '01, Melinda (Winter) Kramer '91, Anthony J. DeFillippi '95, Erin (Winter) Brouse '01, Dustin Brouse, Jeremy L. Patterson '01, Dana (Miller) Patterson '01, Mary E. Baxter '01, and Stephen M. Smith '02.

### Kathleen A. Ceonzo '02 and Andrew R. Ashcraft '02

were married Nov. 11, 2006, at Blessed Kateri Roman Catholic Church, in Lagrangeville, N.Y. Following the wedding the couple honeymooned in Kauai, Hawaii, before returning to their home in Hummelstown, Pa. Juniata alumni and friends in attendance included (front row l-r) Lisa A. Shaffer '02, Meredith L. Boyle '02, Lisa A. Dumansky '02, Jennifer B. Rock '02, Dave Bauer (attended '98-'99), Colleen N. McLaughlin '01, Heather E. Klebe '02, Andrew R. Ashcraft '02, Kathleen (Ceonzo) Ashcraft '02, Christopher J. Zimmerman '02, Jodi L. Reiter '04, Anthony J. DeStefano '02, Ashley C. Mort '02, Earl C. Ashcraft '01, Joel C. Pheasant '99, and Julie (Reihart) Pheasant '01. (back row l-r) Noah D. Fredette '08, John M. Miller '03, Brandi A. Bottiger '02, Seth A. Yachtis '02, Michael R. Zimmerman '02, Matthew S. Betting '02, and Eric W. Orlowsky '02. Andy is employed by York College as the





computer support team leader and Kate is pursuing her doctorate in immunology and microbiology at Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey.



### Sherry L. Yoder '02

and Kent Strohecker were married Nov. 20, 2006, at the Sandals Dunn's River Village in Jamaica. The couple resides in Mount Pleasant Mills, Pa. Sherry is a teacher at Tuscarora Valley Elementary in the Juniata County School District. Kent is an exercise physiologist at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pa.

### Andrea M. Mundis '03

and Michael Stephenson were married June 3, 2006, in York, Pa. Andrea is the daughter of alumni Colleen (McClure) '74 and Wayne A. Mundis '74. The couple lives in Claremont, Calif., where Andrea is studying for a doctorate in philosophy of religion and theology. She presented a paper titled "Apophatic Theology, Deconstruction, and the Holy Spirit: Opening the Boundaries of Language through the Possibility of the Impossible" at the Religion on the Borders conference in Stockholm, Sweden, on April 19, 2007. (l-r) Jenna E. Fornelius '03 (maid of honor), Andrea (Mundis) Stephenson '03, Michael Stephenson, Jeff Lander (best man). Other alumni in attendance were Neil A. Thorn '03, Nathan S. Thompson '05 and Katie J. Hagarman '06.



### Elizabeth C. Skinner '03 and Matthew C. Meyer '03

were married Sept. 9, 2006, at the Stone Church in Huntingdon, Pa., by Dave Witkovsky and Father David Arseneault. They live

in Pittsburgh, where Matt is finishing medical school and applying to residencies in internal medicine. Beth works for the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. Alumni in attendance included (l-r) Megan L. Kellogg '03, Heather R. Doyle '02, Matthew C. Meyer '03, Beth (Skinner) Meyer '03, Kyle T. Snyder '03, Brett A. Slingsby '03, Amy J. Mullen '03, Margaret (Megan) A. Spencer '03, Dorian R. Carl '03, Rosalie M. Rodriguez '01.

### Angela L. Gottshall '04 and Brian S. Hepner '00

were united in marriage Oct. 7, 2006, at the Palmyra Church of the Brethren in Palmyra, Pa. A reception was held in Harrisburg. Juniata alumni present were: (front l-r) Edith (Ritchey)

Cooper '68, Stefanie M. Kauffman '04, Angela (Gottshall) Hepner '04, Alison M. Groninger '05, (back l-r) Nicole E. DeSantis '01, Brian S.



Hepner '00, Alan J. Bachner Jr. '00, Tiffany L. Hepner '98, Matthew N. Green '00, and Brandon C. Rock '00. Also in attendance but not pictured were Jenna K. Bulger '05 and Katherine A. Scanlan '05. Brian is the ride operations manager at HERSHEY PARK, and Angela is the human resource coordinator for the HERSHEY Entertainment Complex. The couple resides in Hummelstown, Pa.

### Jennifer B. Habel '04 and John P. Dale '03

were married Sept. 2, 2006. Juniata alumni and employees in attendance included (row 1, l-r) Carli K. Dale '05, Danielle M. Hart '04, Lindsey (Habel) Frailey '05, John P. Dale '03, Jennifer (Habel) Dale '04, Scott M. Shacreaw '03, Julie (Reitz) Shacreaw '04, Savannah Zanic, Lauren (Beasley) Taber '04, (row 2, l-r) Frederick H. Taber '03, David M. Mack '03, Marc J. Frailey '04, Nathan T. Whitford '03, Dana M. Gais '05, Mark B. Lawery '04, Russell P. Daubert '03, Kimberly Kitchen, Sylvia McDowell, James M. McClure '94, (row 3, l-r) Danielle A. Litzinger '04, Kyle W. Eckenroad '03, (row 4, l-r) Thomas K. Hooper '91, George N. Zanic '89, Michael U. Knill '05, Robert J. Krause '04, Megan L. Launtz '03 and Jason F. Boyer '03.



### Julie A. Reitz '04 and Scott Shacreaw

were married Aug. 12, 2006, at the Antrim Brethren in Christ Church in Chambersburg, Pa. The couple honeymooned in Aruba and currently lives in Blairsville, Pa. Alumni in attendance were (row 1, l-r) Dustin S. Lehr '03, Jordan C. Reitz '10, Marc F. Frailey '04, Aaron W. Amick '03, Joshua L. Finafrock '03, Matthew R. McCahan '03 (row 2, l-r) Lindsey (Habel) Frailey '05, Carli K. Dale '05, Stephanie L. Kines '07, Julie (Reitz) Shacreaw '04, Katherine E. Laucks '06, Jennifer (Habel) Dale '04, Abigail J. Leonard '06, Lauren (Beasley) Taber '04, Brandy (Workinger) Meyer '02, Lory A. Baker '03. (row 3, l-r) Frederick H. Taber III '03, Scott M. Shacreaw '03, Chad M. Trudel '03, John P. Dale '03, Brandon M. Hillegas '03, Kyle W. Eckenroad '03, Jonathan M. Collins '03, Lauren F. Ritchie '05.





**Jennifer L. Savino '04**

and Timothy Fabbri were married Aug. 5, 2006, at Saint Demetrius Catholic Church, Gallitzin. Jennifer is a third-year medical student at the University of New England, College of



Osteopathic Medicine and is currently completing her clinical rotations at the Heart of Lancaster Regional Medical Center in Lititz, Pa. Timothy is manager trainee at 84 Lumber in Lancaster, Pa. Juniata alumni that were present included Abby J. Hinkle '04, Jennifer (Savino) Fabbri '04, Lori C. Groff '04, Jessica D. Ledwich '04, Jeffery C. Steele '03, Laura (Rhodes) Steele '04, Anthony J. Derubis '04, Renae (Watkins) Schunk '04, and Douglas M. Schunk '04.

**Nicole E. Taibi '04 and Ryan T. Newcomer '04**

were married Oct. 28, 2006. Juniata alumni in attendance included Don L. Detwiler '03, John G. Damin '04, Adam R. Faller '04, Christopher L. Belinda '04, Heather D. Kelly '04, Beth A. Superka '04, Kathryn B. Yahner '04, Andrea L. Abel '01, Danielle A. Litzinger '04, Mark B. Lawery '04, Zachary J. Zettle '05, Carol L. Longenecker '04, Erika A. Huyett '04, Melissa S. Emore '04, Laura E. Little '05, Matthew F. Sauers '05, Ryan T. Newcomer '04 and Nicole E. Taibi '04.



**Lisa C. Bloom '05**

and Justin Klingler were married June 17, 2006. The alumni in attendance were (l-r): Levi L. Blazer '05, Elizabeth (Houts) Blazer '05, Christopher L. Belinda '04, Richard E. Paulhamus '70, Lorraine (Patterson) Paulhamus '70, Thomas D. McGraw Jr. '05, Andrea M. Klingler '01, Justin H. Klingler '04, Lisa (Bloom) Klingler '05, Andrew M. Bogdanski '04, Rebecca L. Hubsher '05, Jason L. Haines '05, and Erin E. Strine '04.



**Lynette R. Nolt '05 and Eddy D. Luke Jr. '02**

were married Sept. 16, 2006. Those in attendance were (back row l-r) Jacob A. Dickerson '02, Cory M. Kelso '02, Christopher K. Turnbull '05, Lindy J. Fetter '05, Jessica L. Diehl '05 (bridesmaid), Eddy D. Luke Jr. '02, Libby M. Knecht '05 (bridesmaid), Kristen M. March '07, Derek M. Trimmer '04, (middle row l-r) Joshua A. Martin '02 (groomsman), Erica (Marshall) Martin '03, Lindsay Y. Clark '05 (bridesmaid), Laura C. Hebert '06, Lynette (Nolt) Luke '05, J. Marie Howe-Johnson '06, Natalie J. Houseman '04, Wendy L. Glatfelter '02, (front row l-r) William J. Olstein '02 and Nicholas R. Patterson '02 (groomsman). Not pictured is Joseph C. Falkosky '03.



**Sara D. Roux '06**

and Nathan Lamie were married Aug. 5, 2006 at Martindale Country Club in Auburn, N.H. Sara is pursuing her doctorate in physical therapy at Franklin Pierce College in Concord, N.H. Elise A. Zimmerman '06 was maid of honor.



**Marriages (no photo)**

**Laura A. Dickinson '89**

and Shawn Miller were married June 26, 2006, on a beautiful beach at sunset in Akumal, Mexico. Shawn's brother, Branden Thornhill-Miller, officiated the Unitarian Universalist service. After the service, the 76 guests danced to a mariachi band.

**Kyle V. Sweitzer '96**

and Vicki Baker were married on Dec. 16, 2006. Kyle is employed as a visiting assistant professor in accounting, business, and economics at Juniata while finishing his doctorate in higher education at Penn State University.

**Alon Tatsas '97**

and wife Armanda married Feb. 1, 2001. Alon is a pediatric anesthesiologist at Monroe Carell

Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

**Erin M. Black '99**

and Thomas McGovern were married Dec. 30, 2006, in Philadelphia. They honeymooned in the British Virgin Islands and currently live in Philadelphia. The couple will relocate to Boulder, Colo., this summer. Juniata alumni in attendance were Megan (Bayer) Rotz '99, Frederick R. Bayer '94, Sarah E. Blanchard '99, and Melissa K. Hicks '99.

**James E. Kabrhel '00**

and Amy Anschutz were married Jan. 6, 2007, in Manitowoc, Wis.

**Melanie A. Simmons '01**

and Sean Malloy were married July 2, 2005 in Wolcott, Colo.



**Loni N. Fultz '03**

and Doug Kline were married Jan. 6, 2007 in Lewisburg, Pa. **Lauren (Baker) Albright '03** was matron of honor.

**Scott E. Kofmehl '03**

and wife Aryani were married Aug. 12, 2006, in Pittsburgh, Pa., and spent their honeymoon in Bali. They traveled to Jakarta, Indonesia, for their Aug. 22 wedding reception and then spent a week in California in September. The couple lives in Washington, D.C., where Aryani is pursuing various job opportunities with her master's degree in nationalism and ethnicity. Scott works for the Foreign Service of the State Department. He recently began the orientation and training program with his company and has been assigned to a two-year job in Jakarta at the United States Embassy in the economic section.

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**Births**
**Robert A. McNeely '79**

and wife Tracy recently adopted a baby boy, Justin Trevor, born Sept. 14, 2006. Bob's daughter Shannon is currently a senior at Shippensburg University majoring in elementary education with minors in history and coaching. Tracy is the assistant superintendent in charge of secondary education in the Norwin School District in Irwin, Pa.

**Mary (McDougall) Duffy '86**

and husband Brian are proud to announce that their second daughter, Bridget Miller, was born Aug. 20, 2006. She joins big sister Anna, 3. Bridget's godmother is Shelly (Guest) Cermak '87.

**Melissa (Gronert) Selcow '87**

and husband David are happy to announce the birth of their son, Max Bennet, born on Aug. 8, 2006. He joins their fabulous cats, Bella and Spike.

**Colleen (Carroll) Turner '90**

and husband Matthew are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Makenna Grace, born June 30, 2006. She weighed 8 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 20½ inches long. Makenna was welcomed home by big sister Sydney, 5.

**Kim Rapp-Hanretta '91**

and husband Sean are the proud parents of their daughter, Caoimhe Noreen, born Oct. 7, 2006. Kim received her doctorate in higher education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and she and Sean are professors at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.

**Jill Schadle-Ruzzi '91**

and husband Dan are excited to announce the birth of their twins, Mitchell and Julie, born Oct. 31, 2006.

**Jeanette R. Zalder '91**

and Alfredo Ramirez are the proud parents of their daughter, Arianna Simone, born March 6, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. and measured 19½ inches.

**Jennifer B. Ericson '92**

and husband Tom Malesic are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ryan Ericson, on April 10, 2006. The family moved into a new home in Landisville, Pa., in September 2006.

**John C. Olsen '92**

and wife Ruby are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ian Alan, born Oct. 25, 2006. He weighed 9 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 20½ inches long. Alan's fan is big brother Patrick, 7.

**Christine (Fryzlewicz) Reichart '92**

and husband John are the proud parents of their second daughter, Abigail Haley, born Nov. 4, 2006. Abigail joins her big sister Anneliese, 7.

**Gregory M. Hays '93**

and wife Rachelle are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ethan Joel, on Nov. 22, 2006. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 21 inches long. He joins big brother Kyle, 4. The family resides in Bedford, Pa.

**Annette D. Kane '93**

and husband Edward Shine are pleased to announce the birth of son, Colin Edward, on Sept. 11, 2006. He weighed 8 lbs 6 ozs and had a full head of red hair. The family resides in Chesapeake, Va.

**Jennifer M. Myskowski '93 and Scott M. Beatty '91**

are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Marie Hope, on Jan. 19, 2007. Hope joins big brother Finnegan, 1. The family resides in northeastern Pennsylvania.

**Karen Leptuck-Gabel '94**

and husband Matthew are happy to announce the birth of their second child, Caroline Joyce, born Dec. 15, 2006. She joins big brother Ryan, 2½.

**Shawn C. Stafford '94**

and wife Anissa are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Grace, born Dec. 11, 2006. The family resides in Scottdale, Pa.

**Michelle (Koren) Corby '95**

and husband Simon are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Peter Graham, on Nov. 26, 2006. Peter weighed 6 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 19½ inches long. He was welcomed home by big sister Emma, 2.

**Anthony J. Defilippi '95**

and wife Jennifer are happy to announce the birth of their second child, Mary Catherine, on Nov. 10, 2006. She joins big brother Tommy, 2½.

**Abby (Rigdon) Wertzberger '95**

and husband Scott welcomed their son, Troy Donald, on Dec. 20, 2006. He was 20 inches long and 7 lbs. 5½ ozs. Big brother Brady, 2½, thinks "baby Troy" is pretty cool.

**Richard R. Sunny Jr. '96**

and wife Erica are happy to announce the birth of their second son, Luke James, born Aug. 21, 2006 and was 22 inches long and 8 lbs. 10 ozs.

**Samantha (Boswell) Trimble '96**

and husband Jake are proud to announce the birth of their son, Luke Boswell, born July 26, 2006. He weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz and was 19½ inches. He joins big brother Noah and big sister Abby.

**Laura (Imler) Walters '96**

and husband Scot would like to announce the birth of their son,

Parker, born Oct. 5, 2006. His older brother Gavin is now 2.

**John E. Cottom Jr. '97**

and wife Andrea became the proud parents of their son, John Ellis III, on June 9, 2006. He was 7 lbs. 4 ozs. and 21 inches long. John was appointed head junior varsity football coach for Washington and Lee High School in Hague, Va., and finished the team second in the 2006 season. He is also a second grade science teacher at Cople Elementary School in Westmoreland County, Va.

**Elizabeth (Wells) '97 and Steven J. McElroy '95**

are the proud parents of their son, Kyle William, born Aug. 8, 2005. Kyle is welcomed home by big brother Evan, 4.

**Heather (Kidder) Henry '98**

and husband Oliver are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Sophie Belle, born Sept. 20, 2006. She weighed 8 lbs. 14 ozs.

**Jennifer (Seder) '98 and Jeffrey E. Kauffman '98**

are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Margaret, on April 1, 2006. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 19¾ inches long. Jeffrey recently completed his podiatric foot and ankle reconstructive surgical residency at the University of Pennsylvania Health System and has returned to York, Pa., to open Premier Ankle and Foot Specialists PC. Jennifer is a computer desktop engineer specialist for Novo Nordisk Inc. The Kauffman family resides in Red Lion, Pa.

**Kelly (Morton) '98 and Terry H. Rismiller '96**

are the proud parents of their daughter, Charlotte Grace, born Feb. 15, 2006. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 19½ inches long. The family resides in Reading, Pa.

**Emily (Sterne) '98 and Donald J. Sentman '98**

would like to announce the birth of their son, Joseph Michael, on Oct. 15, 2005. He weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19½ inches. The family resides in Harrisburg, Pa.



### **Tracy (Baugher) '98 and Jason M. Sharpe '98**

are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jilleanne Leigh, on Oct. 16, 2006. She weighed 6 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 18 inches long. Big brother Jackson Daniel was very happy to finally meet his little sister.

### **Hope (Woolcock) Hand '99**

and husband Jonathan are happy to announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Jonathan, on Aug. 8, 2006. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 20¾ inches long. Nicholas was welcomed home by big sister Madeline, 3.

### **Michael J. Freeman '99**

and wife Bethanie welcomed their daughter, Rebekah Grace, on May 28, 2006. Michael began a new position as the online course developer and faculty member for Lancaster Bible College. The family resides in Hanover, Pa.

### **Michael E. Sheaffer '00**

and wife Wendy welcomed son, Zachary Ryan, on Jan. 29, 2007.

### **Suzanne (Zimmerman) Smedberg '01**

and husband Benjamin are pleased to announce the birth of their fourth child, Micah Wilkes. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 ozs. and was born Feb. 3, 2007. Micah joins sisters Ellie, 2½, Claire, 1¾, and Abbey, 11 months.

### **Carolyn R. Wrightson '02 and Andrew V. Brown '00**

are the proud parents of daughter, Rylie Patricia, born Jan. 6, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 19 inches long.

### **Kristi (Widener) '02 and Andrew L. Conover '03**

are the proud parents of son, Seth Cadyn, born Oct. 21, 2006.

### **Lindsey (Yohn) Waters '05**

and husband Shawn are proud to announce the birth of their son, Easton Allen, born July 15, 2006. He weighed 8 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 23¾ inches long. Lindsey is currently serving as a case manager for children with mental health problems in Fulton County, Pa.

## **Obituaries**

### **Thelma E. Morse '29**

December 11, 2006 – Thelma received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Juniata and a master's degree in library science from Clarion University. She was a school teacher for 45 years, teaching at Manns Choice High School for 11 years, Schellsburg-Napier High School for eight years, and Everett High School for 26 years. She served on the Board of Directors at the Everett Library and retired as the founding librarian at Everett High School. Thelma was also a lifetime member of Bedford United Methodist Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher and secretary to the church council for 25 years. She was a life member of the NEA (National Education Association), a member of the PSEA (Pennsylvania State Education Association), PASR (Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees), and member of the Delta Kappa Gamma-Alpha Beta Chapter.

### **Bernice A. Tintle '33**

July 19, 2006 – Bernice graduated from Juniata with a bachelor's degree in education. She retired in 1970 from the Richard Butler Grammar School in Butler, N.J., where she was an educator for many years. Bernice was a life member of the Bloomingdale Baptist Church in Bloomingdale, N.J., and the Women's Club of Riverdale, and she was also a member of the Rebecca Lodge in Bloomingdale.

### **Jack E. Myers '34**

December 8, 2006 – Jack graduated from Juniata with a bachelor's in chemistry and earned a master's degree from Montana State University in 1935. He also studied at the University of Minnesota where he earned a doctorate in 1939. The University of Texas recruited him in 1941 as an assistant professor of zoology and he became a professor in 1948. During his years at the University of Texas, he earned honors for teaching and, in 1959, won a Guggenheim Fellowship. In 1993, the College of Natural Sciences at the University of Texas named Jack to its Hall of Honor.

Along with his academic papers and the countless articles he wrote for *Highlights* magazine as science editor, Jack had a number of books published which focused on young readers and the scientific process. In 1998, the American Society of Gravitational and Space Biology awarded him their highest honor, the Founders Award, for his seminal work that provided the foundation for practical applications of algae as a source of food in the closed environments needed for space exploration.

### **Mary (Wilson) Smith '34**

December 9, 2006 – Mary was born in Warriors Mark, graduated from Warriors Mark High School and received a bachelor's degree in home economics from Juniata. She was formerly married to Raymond Smith. Mary was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Tyrone, and worked as a medical secretary for many years.

### **J. Albert Ramer '35**

December 27, 2006 – Mr. Ramer was a member of St. Paul Methodist Church in Chambersburg, Pa. He retired in 1974 as a professor emeritus at Shippensburg University. Previously, he had retired from U.S. Army Intelligence with the rank of major in 1972. He was a veteran of World War II with service in the U.S. and the Far East. He graduated from Juniata with a degree in secondary education and continued his education at Bucknell University, receiving a master's degree in history. Al had a circle of Juniata friends that he kept in touch with since graduation, which included **Thelma (Smith) Scott '38, Joseph P. Long '34, Robert A. '40 and Dorothy '41 (Albright) Cupper, and Ralph and Dorothy (Speicher) '34 Murray.**

### **Martha (Vaughn) Butler '36**

February 2, 2007 – Martha was born in Martha's Furnace, Pa. After graduating from Juniata, she began her career as a school teacher in a one-room school. She continued teaching until 1943 when she enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard Spars to help with the war effort. Martha went through boot camp at Northampton, Conn., and was assigned to

work at coding and decoding in Washington, D.C. She served in Miami, Palm Beach, Fort Meyers, and Key West. After the war she was transferred to Seattle, Wash., and was honorably discharged in 1946. She went to work at "Children's Creative Playhouse" in Santa Barbara and later at the YMCA. After retiring Martha took up traveling all over the world as a hobby. She was also an avid reader and gardener and member of the Methodist Church.

### **Ruth (Barnhouse) Herod '36**

December 21, 2006 – Ruth was a 1934 graduate of Uniontown High School and received her teaching certification from Juniata. She taught elementary school in Uniontown and Point Marion, Pa. She was a member of Robinson Street Church of the Brethren, Uniontown, and following her marriage in 1943, she became a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Point Marion and was a Bible school teacher for many years. She loved music, singing and directed the children's and church choirs for more than 40 years.

### **Ruth V. Berkey '37**

July 9, 2006 – Ruth was from Hollidaysburg, Pa., and graduated from Juniata with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She was a retired teacher having taught in schools in Windber and Hollidaysburg, Pa.

### **Seth C. Houck '37**

October 10, 2006 – Seth was born in Todd, Pa. In 1987, he moved to Seminole, Fla., from Connecticut. He worked as an electrical engineer for IBM in New York. He was also a U.S. Army captain and assisted with anti-aircraft in Panama during World War II. He was a member, a trustee, and the treasurer of Chapel on the Hill United Church of Christ, a 32nd Degree Master Mason, a member of Gulf Beach Lodge 291, Egypt Shrine Temple, and Mason Perpetual of The Scottish Rite. He is survived by wife Sarah, daughter Jane, son Allen, and three grandchildren.

### **Edward W. Anderson '38**

December 9, 2004



### **Laura (Poorbaugh) Burlington '38**

November 13, 2006 – Laura graduated from Juniata with a bachelor's degree in secondary education. She was a lifetime member of Lybarger Lutheran Church and was a present member of Christ Lutheran Church. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter No. 41 Order of the Eastern Star. In 1972, Laura retired from Bedford High School after 33 years of teaching.

### **Robert H. Harris '39**

January 20, 2007 – Robert was born in Walnut, Pa., and received a bachelor's degree from Juniata, where he remained active in the alumni association. He was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation as a production engineer. Upon retirement, he enjoyed spending his winters in Gulf Shores, Ala. Church and family were the pillars of his life. He was a member of the Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren for 68 years. Bob is survived by wife **Mary (Went-sler) Hoover-Harris '39**, daughters Carole (Harris) Miller and Kaye (Harris) Wishard, and step-daughters **Carol (Hoover) Gordon '76** and **Linda (Hoover) Moyer '72**.

### **Gladys "Sue" (Koch) Van Horn '41**

February 13, 2007 – Sue obtained a bachelor's degree in home economics from Juniata and completed her postgraduate studies at Penn State University. She taught high school home economics and worked as a civilian employee of the U.S. Navy. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church when she resided in Bedford, Pa., and then Zion Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg, Pa., after she and her husband relocated in 1989. She is survived by two children, a granddaughter, and three great grandchildren.

### **Merl A. Aitken '42**

February 2, 2007 – Merl was born in Mariana, Pa. He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Juniata and also studied at the University of Oklahoma and Rochester Institute of Technology.

He was employed at Union Carbide and a staff member of quality assurance laboratory coordinator for Union Carbide Chemicals and Plastics Division, USA. He was a member of St. Marks United Methodist Church in Charleston, W.Va. He was a Sunday school teacher for many years and former minister of music and choir director at St. Paul United Methodist Church, South Charleston. Merl's community involvement also included volunteering at St. Francis Hospital where he received the Frist Humanitarian Award. Other community involvement included Boy Scouts of America Scout Master and commissioner of the Buckskin Council, co-founder of the Charleston Civic Chorus, Kanawha State Forest Foundation board member, former president of the Recreation Board of South Charleston, and the International Club of Charleston.

### **Louis Valenzi '42**

July 12, 2006 – Louis is survived by wife Emily, three sons Richard, Ralph, and Louis, daughter Ellen Hermes, eight grandchildren, and five step-grandchildren.

### **Meredith E. Barkley '45**

November 22, 2006 – Meredith is a former graduate of Boswell High School and high school class valedictorian. He served with the Civilian Public Service during World War II and as an auto technician for former Hallman Chevrolet, located in Johnstown, Pa. He retired from Watkins Chevrolet, Boswell. Meredith was an active lifetime member of Maple Spring Church of the Brethren, where he served with his wife as a deacon for more than 60 years, a Sunday school teacher, a member of the choir, and served on numerous commissions. He was also active with the Western Pennsylvania District of the Church of the Brethren, where he served on the ministry commission, and was a volunteer at Camp Harmony and St. Francis Sharing and Caring. Meredith was a devoted family man and a keen water sportsman, gardener, and amateur photographer. He is survived by Minnie, his wife of 63 years, sons Theodore and Thomas, daughter Pauline, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### **Helen (Crawford) Ferguson '46**

April 4, 1926 – Helen graduated from Juniata with a bachelor's degree in home economics. Her last residence was in Bradford, Pa.

### **Elizabeth (White) Yoder '47**

October 16, 2006 – Betty graduated from Juniata with a bachelor's degree in English. She taught part-time in the Wilton School System in Wilton, Conn., and worked in the High School Resource Center for several years before retiring. She was a former member of the Wilton Garden Club, the Park Street Singers of New Canaan, and the Wilton Family Y. She was active in the Wilton Congregational Church for more than 45 years, serving on many church committees, the Board of Deacons, and the adult choir. Betty was also a volunteer for FISH of Wilton and for Manna House of Hospitality in Norwalk. As a skilled flower gardener, she also won many awards for her arrangements. She loved flowers, music, baking, and traveling. She contributed to the church missions' project, the church organ fund, Habitat for Humanity, Juniata College, the AmeriCares Foundation, and the Paul and Betty Yoder Foundation, a private family foundation organized to promote educational opportunities for women. Betty is survived by husband **Paul R. Yoder, Jr. '47**, two sons David and Alan, two daughters Martha and Carol, and five grandchildren.

### **James K. Palmer '48**

October 28, 2006 – Jim attended Juniata one year prior to enlisting in the U.S. Navy. Although he trained as a fighter pilot, he did not have the opportunity to be deployed because the war ended before he completed his training. He then returned to Juniata, completed his bachelor's degree in science and met his beloved wife **Elizabeth (Leach) Palmer '48**. He went on to Penn State University to begin his graduate studies in food science and finished his doctorate in biochemistry in January 1953. Jim had the opportunity to be employed by the Connecticut Agricultural Research Station, the Virginia Institute for Scientific Research, and the United Fruit

Company. He and Elizabeth lived in Australia for more than two years where he worked at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization in North Ryde, New South Wales. He returned home and taught food science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology for four years and at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg. With a love for traveling, Jim and Elizabeth journeyed to the University of Perdinia in Kandy, Sri Lanka, the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil, and the Tropical Research Center in Tainan, Taiwan, to share Jim's expertise on an international level through fellowships. The two also traveled to Kenya, where Jim taught at the Egerton University in Njoro. He has published more than 50 articles in professional journals. Jim is survived by his wife, three daughters Rebecca Bradley, Helen Peterson, and Sarah, three sons **Christopher P. Palmer '85**, **Walter A. Palmer '76**, and Thomas, and 16 grandchildren.

### **Samuel M. Hastings '48**

July 30, 2006 – Samuel is survived by Marion, his wife of 55 years, son Timothy, daughter Hilary Barley, and a granddaughter.

### **Joseph H. Brady Jr. '49**

November 7, 1998 – Joseph graduated from Juniata with a bachelor's degree in sociology and continued his education at Drew University with a bachelor's degree in religion.

### **Percy M. Kay '51**

November 11, 2006 – Following World War II, during which he served in the Pacific with the 5th Army Air Corps Division, Percy attended Juniata and graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. His interests included Gyros (a social group), sailing, vacations by the sea, and having a great time with all who knew him. Percy worked at AM International as research and development manager and chemist from 1960 to 1977, and then founded Printing Associates in Chardon, Ohio. He is survived by his wife Ruth, two children and two grandsons.



**Donna (Huston) Cheslock '52**

March 20, 1931 – Donna was married to **William B. Cheslock '50** and resided in Orlando, Fla.

**James R. Moore '53**

January 4, 2007 – James was a graduate of Adams High School, where he played basketball and football. He was a corporal in the U.S. Army from 1946 to 1949. He attended Juniata and later graduated with honors in 1955 from the University of Pittsburgh Dental School. He was self-employed as a dentist for 43 years. James was a lifetime member of the American Dental Association; American Legion Post 283, Cresson; and the BPOE, Johnstown. He was an avid sports fan and loved tailgating with family and friends.

**Mario L. Gilberti '54**

December 12, 2006 – Mario graduated from Juniata with a bachelor's degree in history and political science. He was a retired employee of A&S Railroad and Valves Inc., Hopewell Township, and was a U.S. Army veteran having served in the Korean War. He was the owner of the former Avenue Café on Franklin Avenue in Aliquippa, Pa., and the former Aviation School in Hopewell Township.

**Ronald E. Dilling '56**

October 8, 2006 – Ron received a bachelor's degree in science from Juniata. He was born and raised in Martinsburg, Pa.

**Bernard I. Cohen '57**

January 26, 2007 – Bernie received a bachelor's degree in biology from Juniata and his medical and dental degrees from the University of Pittsburgh. He was a plastic surgeon in Pittsburgh, Pa., and was recognized for his commitment to helping patients who were disfigured in fires or accidents. He is survived by his children, Jill Cueni-Cohen, Andrew Cohen, and Jamie Cohen, and three grandchildren.

**Wayne A. Drake '58**

January 13, 2007 – Wayne was born in Roaring Spring, Pa. He graduated from Juniata with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. For most of his career, he was a

math teacher at Sharon Hill High School. In more recent years, he was a professor at Penn State University, Delaware County Campus. Wayne was a retired member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association.

**Mary (Rearick) Houser '59**

November 17, 2006 – Mary was a member of New Hope Lutheran Church, a 1954 graduate of East Penn High School, and a home economics graduate of Juniata. She formerly worked for the Mifflin County Extension Office and enjoyed cooking for family and friends, especially baking pies. Mary also enjoyed gardening and helping 4-H children. Mary and husband Jay farmed in Gregg Township, Pa. She is survived by her husband, four daughters, and a son.

**Mary (Watters) Burdick '62**

October 12, 2005

**Patricia J. Chalfant '63**

December 7, 2006 – Patricia graduated from Juniata with a bachelor's degree in history. She received a master's degree in international relations from the University of Pennsylvania, a master's degree from Drexel University, and her doctorate in law from the University of Delaware Law School. Patricia served as associate counsel for the Defense National Stockpile, a division of the Department of Defense. Previously, she worked as an attorney for the U.S. Navy, serving the federal government for a total of 19 years. She was an avid reader and thoroughly enjoyed travel, the arts, science fiction and needlework. She was highly regarded by her colleagues and friends as a brilliant woman and excellent attorney who was politically active and worked for women's rights.

**Harry E. Gahagan III '63**

November 30, 2006 – Harry was a member of Clover Creek Church of the Brethren in Martinsburg, Pa. He retired as director of the Human Performance Laboratory at Penn State University, State College, and taught at the University from 1966 to 1975. He was also a full-time beef cattle and goat farmer in Williamsburg, Pa.

After graduating from Juniata, he went on to receive his doctorate in biochemistry from Penn State in 1966. Harry formerly served as president of the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association. He is survived by wife **Patricia (Hill) Gahagan '63**, son Daniel, three brothers, including **James I. Gahagan '66** and **John J. Gahagan '66**, and three grandchildren.

**James H. Williams '65**

July 9, 2006 – James graduated from Juniata with a bachelor's degree in biology. He was president and owner of ClinCon Research Inc. in Chester, N.J., and Kobe, Japan. He also worked for Shering-Plough in Kenilworth, N.J. In past years, he was a recreational soccer coach in Long Valley and a member of Amazing Feet Running Club. He was an accomplished student of Japanese language and culture, as well as the sponsor of a Japanese exchange program. He is survived by his wife Carole, and sons Jared and Joshua.

**Ina (Wareham) Peck '69**

February 18, 2007 – Ina was born in Cumberland, Md. and was a graduate of Central High School in Martinsburg, Pa. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Juniata, and was currently a kindergarten teacher for the Knowledge Learning Corporation's "Magic Years" in Chambersburg, Pa. She was a member of the St. John's Episcopal Church in Carlisle. She was an Episcopal relief and development representative for the diocese of central Pennsylvania and was devoted to teaching Sunday school, vacation Bible school, and singing in the choir. Ina is survived by her loving husband of 37 years, **Edward J. Peck, Jr. '70**, and sons Edward and John.

**Cathie L. Conroy '74**

January 2, 1952 – Cathie received a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Juniata. She taught in Hot Springs, Va., and then in Norwood, N.J., until 1996.

**Crickett J. Julius '89**

October 28, 2006 – Crickett received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Juniata and her master's degree in clinical psychology from Loyola College. She spent many years as a behavioral therapist at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese, where she dedicated herself to providing a sense of stability, security, and support to children with the most challenging emotional and behavioral difficulties. She was loved by both staff and residents. She then joined Pfizer Inc. in 1997 as a professional healthcare representative in Baltimore, Md. In 2004, she joined Cardiovascular Central in Cleveland, Ohio, as an assistant to the regional manager. Crickett was an honored and well-respected individual, and in her honor, the Cardiology Department at Johns Hopkins established a scholarship fund in her name. She was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in York, Pa., and belonged to the Church of the Holy Angels in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

**Edward W. Rosensteel Jr. '90**

January 12, 2007 – Ed was an Eagle Scout and a graduate of Warwick High School. He graduated from Juniata with a bachelor's degree in biology. He was the owner and operator of Showroom Restorations in Lititz, Pa., and earned several local, regional, and national awards for authentic restoration of classic vintage automobiles. Ed is survived by wife Cheri, sons Cameron and Grant, and daughter Olivia.

**Digital Photos**

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*Jim Borgardt*

For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. Even those of us not well versed in physics know that this is Newton's Third Law of Motion. But for Jim Borgardt, associate professor of physics, it's sort of a mantra for his life.

Whether taking advice from a graduate adviser or rebelling against some strict house rules as a child, Jim usually can convince folks that his way is better.

As the son of a U.S. Navy aviator, Jim moved from military base to military base as a kid until his dad was stationed near Pleasanton, Calif. (in the Bay Area, roughly halfway between Oakland and San Jose). A typical California teenager, he excelled at sports, including tennis and soccer. In fact, he was good enough to join touring teams in both sports, but he felt somewhat stifled by the regimentation of sports at that level.

One place he certainly did not feel stifled was in the classroom, particularly in science courses. "My earliest childhood memory is sitting in front of the TV watching the moon landing; my mouth was just agape," he says.

Jim absorbed science's lessons, but how science worked in the real world was just as compelling to him. And, as part of a military family, he was interested in how science affected the Cold War era and nuclear weaponry. When Jim entered the University of California, Santa Barbara, he gravitated to physics and math, but he also found a course that

focused on the politics of nuclear weaponry. "As far as I know, I was the only science major in the class," he says.

Santa Barbara also gave Jim the opportunity to discover he loved teaching. He spent a lot of time in what the university called a demonstration room, going over experiments, while also working as a tutor.

During his summers, Jim worked at Lockheed and realized that defense industry work was not his cup of jet fuel. Instead, he applied and was accepted to the University of Arizona physics program. Upon arrival, however, he didn't want to confine himself to just physics. "I still wanted to get the liberal arts," he recalls. "My advisers were telling me to concentrate on physics—'forget teaching' they said—but the hardest thing for me in graduate school was focusing on one small, myopic area of research."

Jim's big-picture vision for a career always included teaching. In fact, early on as a graduate student, he applied for one of two Arizona State teaching positions and beat out 80 other students for the job. His passion for the classroom showed immediately, as he won teaching awards three years in a row. Several colleagues advised him to take a teaching job at Arizona, but he decided to take another route. "I knew I didn't want to teach at a large university, because I was already teaching introductory physics with 250 students," he

explains. "I wanted to work at a smaller place, where I knew the people were working toward common goals."

Jim's first goal was getting a job, although that was no small thing, because the market was flooded with physics Ph.D.s after the end of the Reagan-era military buildup. "I think (physics professor) Norm (Siems) told me there were almost 200 applicants for the Juniata job," Jim says.

When Jim arrived on campus, he found that not only could he teach physics, but he could also create his own courses. Additionally, the courses could be outside his discipline. Since coming on board in 1998, Jim has explored all aspects of the Juniata experience. He created a course on Nuclear Threat and sought out teaching experiences abroad. So far he has taught in Marburg, Germany, and in Cochin, India (in fall 2003, he spent eight months in India, taking his wife, Jennifer, and two sons, Aiden (now 9) and Soren (now 7)).

The longtime West Coaster has settled into the Huntingdon lifestyle. Although it is possible, considering Jim's fondness for opposite reactions, that if someone told him he had to stay here, he might move. Jim describes the lifestyle best: "It's a dynamic and close-knit community where you can work in a collaborative way and really explore other disciplines, which in the end adds to the depth of experiences for our students."



# FACULTY/STAFF BRIEFS



Peter Baran

**Peter Baran**, assistant professor of chemistry, co-authored two papers recently. The first, "Tandem Michael Addition/Amino-Nitrile Cyclization from 2-Formyl-1, 4-DHP in the Synthesis of Novel Dihydroindolizine-Based Compounds," was in the *Journal of Organic Chemistry*. The other, "An Expedient Synthesis of 7(S)-ethyl-8 (R or S)-indolizidinols based on a thiophene reductive resulfurization," appeared in *Tetrahedron Letters*.



Jack Barlow

**Jack Barlow**, professor of politics, presented the paper "The Wizard of Oz: Myth for an Age of Progress" at the University of Lille for the conference "Faith, Myth, and Literary Creation Since 1850" in May. He also chaired a panel at the conference.



Philip Dunwoody

**Paula Beckenbaugh '92**, director of clinical experiences in education, and **Pat Weaver**, Dana Professor of Accounting, made a presentation on the Juniata student investing courses to the State College Kiwanis Club in February.

**Cindy Clarke '76**, director of institutional planning and research, was named 2006-2007 Program Chair for the Northeast Association for Institutional Research.

**Philip Dunwoody**, assistant professor of psychology, published the article "The Neglect of the Environment by Cognitive Psychology" in the *Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology*. He published "An Irish Seminar"

in the journal *The Oyster: World Business News & Views*, a publication of Elizabethtown College.

**John Hille**, vice president for advancement and marketing, was elected to a two-year term as president of the Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce in January.

**William Hunter**, lecturer in geography, presented the paper "Untangling the Metabolism: Urban Political Ecology and the Mill Creek Expressway Project" at the 2007 meeting of the Association of American Geographers, in San Francisco, Calif., in April. He also wrote the chapter "A Genealogy of Environmental Impact Assessment" for the book *Geography and Genealogy: Locating Personal Pasts*.

**David Hutto**, assistant professor of English, published "Graphics and Invention in Engineering Writing" in the journal *Technical Communication*. He also published two short stories, "Grey and Simple" in *Fiction International*, and "The Clowns in the Circus of Love" in *The Cynic*.

**Dennis Johnson**, associate professor of environmental science, developed and co-taught an Advanced Hydrologic Sciences course in May for the National Weather Service in Boulder, Colo. He and **Uma Ramakrishnan**, assistant professor of environmental science, presented the paper "GIS Application in Wildlife Research: A Comparison Between Home Range

Extension and Hawth's Analysis Tools" at a meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Wildlife Society in March and "An Evaluation of Nocturnal and Diurnal Behavior by Male White-tailed Deer using GPS Collar Data" at the Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference in Groton, Conn., in April. Research for the two papers was completed by students **Andy Walker '07**, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and **Zach Laubach '07**, of Millville, Pa.

**Kathleen Jones**, assistant professor of education, presented "Moodle as a CMS: Continuing the Conversation..." at the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference in Hershey, Pa., in February. She also spoke on "Moodle vs. Blackboard: Negotiating Course Management Systems and their Potential in the K-12 classroom." at the 2006 Association of Teacher Educators National Summer Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., in July. Jones also co-presented "Engaging Assessments to Eliminate Academic Bulimia" at the National Association of Science Teachers, Regional National Conference in Baltimore, Md., in November 2006. She presented "Crime Scenes for Middle School" at the Pennsylvania Association of Science Teachers State Conference with **Todd Quinter '01** in December. Finally, Jones was elected as the South-Central Regional Director for the Pennsylvania Science Teachers Association.

**Gerald Kruse**, associate professor of IT and computer science, taught two courses, *Algorithmen und Datastrukturen*, and *Graphical Programming*, at the Fachhochschule Muenster, during fall semester 2007. He also facilitated a session "A Status Report on the SIGCSE Committee on Models for Evaluating Faculty Scholarship" as part of a conference for Special Interest Group of Computer Science Educators in Covington, Ky., in March. Kruse presented a poster, "A Useful Case-Study in Algorithmic Experimentation: Unexpected Timing Results for Heapsort," at the same conference.

**Thomas Kepple**, Juniata president, gave a presentation "Financial Fundamentals for the New President" at the New Presidents Program workshop, sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges in Tucson, Ariz., in January. At the same conference, **Pat Kepple**, manager, Juniata College Press, was a member of a panel of presidential spouses for the presentation "What We Do and How We Do It," which focused on how to plan programs for the spouses of trustees. Tom Kepple also attended a meeting of the American Council on Renewable Energy in November. He is a member of the ACORE Higher Education Advisory Committee.

**James Lakso**, Juniata provost, led a workshop on what a chief academic officer expects of department chairs for the Council of Independent Colleges' Department and Division Chairs at the council's conference in Philadelphia in January.

**Michael Lehman '94**, assistant vice president of JCEL, conducted a workshop, "Turn Up the Volume: Increasing Use of Multimedia in Entrepreneurial Curricula," at the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance conference, in Tampa, Fla., in March. He also made a presentation, "Coleman Excellence in Teaching Entrepreneurship Across Campuses," at the United States Association of Small Business and Entrepreneurship Preconference in Orlando, Fla., in January. He also presented, "Advancing Entrepreneurship Pedagogy: Clearinghouse of Best Teaching Practices" at the same conference.

**Monika Malewska**, assistant professor of art, exhibited her art in two recent shows: "Flesh: An Uneasy Art Show" at the Gallery at 3rd Ward in Brooklyn, N.Y., and "The Richeson 75: Still Life Exhibition" at the Richeson School of Art and Gallery in Kimberly, Wis.

**Robert Miller**, Rosenberger Chair of Christian and Religious Studies, lectured on "What Jews Should Know About the Christian Gospels" at Temple Beth Israel in Altoona, Pa., in March. He also presented a workshop: "Jesus in the First and Twenty-First Centu-

ries" as part of the Jesus Seminar on the Road at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Brevard, N.C., in April. Miller also published "Adam and Edom: Costs and Benefits of Monotheism" in *The Fourth R* (May-June, 2007). He taught a course this spring, "New Testament Exegesis," for Bethany Theological Seminary in Indiana. Miller continues to serve on the program committee for the Historical Jesus Section of the Society of Biblical Literature.

**Dennis Plane**, assistant professor of politics, published, with two co-authors, the article "Policies, Parties, and Trust in Government" in the journal *Social Science Quarterly* in 2006. He also presented two papers, "Polarization in American State Politics: The Case of Kentucky" and "Assessing Attitudes about Voter Registration Using a Survey Experimental Design," at the Southern Political Science Association conference in New Orleans, La., in January. Plane's proposal, "Political Trust: Reconciling Theory and Practice," was the winning proposal for the National Election Studies Pilot program

**Ei-Ichiro Ochiai**, professor emeritus of chemistry, recently tracked the twisted publishing journey of one of his textbooks, *Bioinorganic Chemistry, an Introduction*. Originally published in 1977, the book was taken out of print by its publisher two decades ago, because the company decided to concentrate on lower-level textbooks. As a result, the copyright was returned to Ochiai. In 1990, while teaching at the University of Toronto, Ochiai had been approached by a graduate student from China, who revealed that Ochiai's book was translated into Chinese and was a widely read text for students. Though Ochiai owned the copyright, no one had contacted him to publish it. Then, in 2006, while surfing the Web, he discovered the same book had been translated into Spanish. It has been published in Spain since 1985, although Ochiai had again not been informed of the publication. After 30 years, Ochiai found the book still in demand as Amazon.com continues to list it. It prompted a publisher (Elsevier) to approach Ochiai to write a revised edition of the 1977 book. He decided to tackle a less comprehensive topic and recently finished the manuscript.

**Uma Ramakrishnan**, assistant professor of environmental science, and **Laura Daugherty '06** presented a paper, co-authored with **Neil Pelkey**, assistant professor of environmental science and IT, "Effects of Gender and Season on Spatial and Temporal Patterns of Deer-Vehicle Collisions" at the August 2005 International Conference on Ecology and Transportation in San Diego, Calif., and subsequently published the paper in the eScholarship Repository of the Road Ecology Center of the University of California, Davis.



John Hille



Dennis Johnson



Kathleen Jones



Thomas Kepple





**Michael Lehman '94**



**Robert Miller**



**Deborah Roney**



**Kimberly Roth**

**David Reingold**, Foster Chair in Chemistry, made a presentation "Organic First" at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls in January. Reingold and **David Widman**, professor of psychology, presented "Chemistry as a Second Language: A Method to Try to Enhance Fluency in Chemistry" at the Innovations in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning at Liberal Arts Colleges meeting in Northfield, Minn. Both professors presented the same material at the Lilly East Conference on College and University Teaching in Newark, Del., in April.

**Deborah Roney**, director of Language in Motion and assistant professor of English, presented a workshop on Language in Motion at Southern Huntingdon High School in April. Juniata students also spoke at the workshop.

**Kimberly Roth**, assistant professor of mathematics, published the paper "Julia Sets That are Full of Holes" in the journal *Mathematical Intelligencer* in the April 2007 issue. She also co-organized and ran a panel on "Publishing Undergraduate Research and Expository Articles" at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in New Orleans, La., in January.

**Russell Shelley**, Elma Stine Heckler Associate Professor of Music, led 12 Juniata Concert Choir students to the Pennsylvania Collegiate Choral Association conference at York College of Pennsylvania in February. He also took the choir on a 10-day concert tour to Trinidad.

**David Sowell**, professor of history, published the entry "Miguel Perdomo Neira" in the *Dictionary of Medical Biography* (Greenwood Press, 2007). Sowell and **Kati Csoman**, director of international student and scholar services, led a session on "Reverse Culture Shock," at the PLUS Program Enrichment Seminar in Washington, D.C., in January.

**Nancy Siegel**, assistant professor of art history, presented "Hail to the Cheese: An Archival Quest for Thomas Jefferson's Mammoth Cheddar," at the annual meeting of the American Society for 18th-Century Studies in Atlanta, Ga., in March. She also published "'Widow's Work'—Artists' Estates: Reputations in Trust," in the journal *Aurora*.

**Elizabeth Smolcic**, director of the Intensive English Program, recently led a workshop on "Intercultural Learning in ESL Teacher Education" with students **Stacey Cremar '07** and **Laura Hardy '07** at the NAFSA: Association of International Educators, Region

VII conference in Washington, D.C. She presented a paper "Preparing Teachers for Diverse Classrooms: A Sociocultural View of Teacher Learning and Development" at the 28th Annual Ethnography in Education Research Forum at the University of Pennsylvania in February. She also collaborated with **Prudence Ingerman**, senior instructor in the Intensive English Program, to lead a session "All Advocates are Not Lawyers: Teachers as Agents of Change" at the Fifth International Conference on Language Teacher Education in Minneapolis, Minn., in May.

**Henry Thurston-Griswold**, professor of Spanish, attended the 15th International Conference on Central American Literature, held in Antigua, Guatemala, in April. He presented a paper titled "La novelización del testimonio en La otra cara" ("The Fictionalization of Testimonial Narrative in 'The Other Face,'" a novel by a Guatemalan Maya writer, Gaspar Pedro González.

**Paula Wagoner**, associate professor of anthropology, chaired a panel "Rethinking the Rural: Regional Studies and American Indian Communities" at a joint conference of the American Ethnological Society and Canadian Anthropological Association in Toronto, Canada, in May. She presented a paper, "Nation, State, and Nation: Regional Discourses on Abortion and Impeachment on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation" at the same conference. She recently published a review of the book *Hostiles? The Lakota Ghost Dance and Buffalo Bill's Wild West* by Sam Madder in the *Journal of the South Dakota State Historical Society*.

**Donna Weimer**, Thornbury Professor of Communication, was named editor, for a three-year term, for the journal *Pennsylvania Communication Annual*.

**Kathryn Westcott**, assistant professor of psychology, **Lynn Cockett**, associate professor of communication, and **Philip Dunwoody**, assistant professor of psychology, presented the paper, "The Positive By-products of the Peer-Tutor Relationship" at the Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium, in Santa Fe, N.M., in January.

**John Wright**, assistant professor of computer science, published a paper, with nine co-authors, "Implementations of the CC'01 Human-Computer Interaction Guidelines, using Bloom's Taxonomy" in the journal *Computer Science Education*.

**David Witkovsky**, college chaplain, is teaching a class, "Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling," for Bethany Seminary in July and August.



*When athletes come to Juniata coaches stress that they will be part of a family, which includes crowds of wildly enthusiastic supporters at games.*

## Recruiting Reloaded: Bringing in High-level Students and Athletes

*By Joel Cookson, Sports Information Director*

The wins and losses are easy to see—they're in the official records and on the Web sites where any fan can find them. What is harder to see are all the underlying elements that go into the wins and losses.

Hours of practice, intensive scouting, game planning and the effort of the student-athletes are what lead to the wins and losses. But the real secret, the element which might make the biggest difference, is the recruiting process that brings those talented student-athletes to campus in the first place.

Juniata baseball coach **George Zanic '89** puts it succinctly when he quotes legendary UCLA basketball coach John Wooden and says, "the coach with the best players is the best coach." "That's why recruiting is the key to success, whether it's Division I, II or III," Zanic adds.

As Zanic points out, recruiting is the lifeblood of fielding a competitive program. Efficient practices and all the coaching genius in the world won't be enough to help coaches or teams bridge a gap in talent. In fact, Juniata's athletic director Larry Bock, who also coaches women's volleyball, stresses to his fellow Juniata coaches that putting great effort in recruiting is the one place where coaches can truly outdo the competition.

"If the goal as an athletic department is competitive success, recruiting is the biggest key to reaching that goal," he says. "All of the wins and losses and achievements of a program lead back to recruiting. The days are gone when we as coaches could just take the students that come through the regular enrollment process and mold them into competitive players. Our coaches understand that to thrive we need to be totally committed to bringing in high-level student-athletes."

While status as a Division III program means Juniata is unable to offer athletics scholarships, that doesn't mean the recruiting process is any less competitive. Finding athletes who have both the athletic and academic prowess to fit in at Juniata can be challenging enough in itself. Mix in that student-athletes will have many colleges competing for their skills, and the task facing the Juniata coaches is daunting.



Juniata's staff of varsity coaches each bring a different approach to the recruiting process. Some coaches find success with high-tech contacts such as e-mails and text messages, while others find personal touches—letters and phone calls—to be more effective. Regardless of the methodology, the aim for nearly all of the coaches is the same: to give the potential student-athletes an idea of what life would be like as an athlete and student at Juniata.



Baseball coach **George Zanic '89** (left) says, "Recruiting is the key to success, whether it's Division I, II or III."

"When we talk to recruits, the thing we stress to them is that by coming to Juniata they will be part of a family," explains Head Football Coach Darrell Alt. "We want them to get to know our current players, and to understand that if they play football at Juniata, we're going to do everything we can to help them achieve their goals both as football players and as students."

"The quality of people that we have in our programs now helps us continue to bring in exceptional athletes," adds soccer coach Scott McKenzie. "I've found that Juniata's academic reputation gets them interested in our program, and the current players hook them. We try and give the prospective students a real chance to spend time with the players who are here already. Relying on our current students puts a lot of pressure and responsibility on them, but it's something that seems to work for us."

Bock points out the biggest asset any college, and Juniata in particular, has is the people on campus. Whether that is the current members of the team, the coaches themselves, or the faculty and staff that the student will be interacting with if they elect to attend Juniata, highlighting those people is the main part of many Juniata coaches' recruiting strategies.

"We have to know our product very well and figure out what separates us," Bock says. "It is critical that we expose potential student-athletes to the high quality people we have on this campus. It is imperative that recruits see a compelling educational, social and athletic experience while we have them here."

The word "recruiting" might suggest some less savory competition over athletes that fans imagine when they think of large Division I programs. Whether or not those practices go on at some places remains to be seen, but for Juniata's coaches, the College's attributes are enough to convince prospective athletes.

"The way we recruit doesn't use salesmanship because we think Juniata stands on its own," explains Head Men's Basketball Coach

Greg Curley. "The danger in selling is that it creates automatic expectations for the athletes. We just provide information to the kids and try and let them see how Juniata and our basketball program can help them develop professionally, athletically, intellectually and socially."

These values have inspired many Juniata alumni to become involved in the recruiting process. Either through scouting potential athletes for coaches who can't get to a game, or simply passing along thoughts on what a Juniata education can bring, graduates have found ways to help bring high-quality student-athletes to campus.

"At this point most of our coaches don't have a problem identifying potential athletes, but it never hurts to have people helping to get Juniata's name out," Bock says.

Former chairman of the Juniata Board of Trustees **Henry Gibbel '57** is one alumnus who has been deeply involved in helping to bring high quality student-athletes to Juniata. A four-year manager on the football team when he was at Juniata, Gibbel employs different techniques—sending newspaper clippings of high school players to the coaches or just chatting with prospects and their parents—to help the coaches in the recruiting process.

"I've found that talking to the parents of prospective student-athletes can be helpful because I may relate to them a little better than with the students, and they are still very involved in their children's lives," Gibbel says. "The main thing I say is that if the student-athlete goes to Juniata, they are going to have a great experience athletically and in the classroom. I know the coaches will do everything they can to take care of these people if they choose Juniata."

"Henry and our other alums absolutely care about Juniata and our athletics department, so it just makes sense to have people like that aid us in the recruiting process," Zanic says.

The recruiting process. It may be the most challenging part of the job, despite being the least visible thing the coaches do. While there clearly is no perfect way to recruit, the on- and off-field achievements of Juniata's sports teams over the past few years shows that the Eagles have been making all the right moves on the recruiting trail.

## 2006-2007 Eagles Soar By the Numbers

*"This is our best sports year in history."*  
—Tom Kepple

- 1** NCAA National Championship for Division III women's volleyball, the second for Juniata.
- 4** Consecutive Division III men's volleyball championships for men's volleyball.
- 2** National Division III Players of the Year in men's and women's volleyball: **Stephanie Kines '07** and **Matt Werle '09**.
- 10** All-America athletes in field hockey (2), men's (4) and women's volleyball (2), track and field (2).
- 1** National Division III Women's Volleyball Coach of the Year: **Larry Bock**.
- 16** Wins for women's field hockey team, best record in College history and the team goes to its second NCAA tournament.
- 17** Wins for men's basketball team. Posts best record in College history and gains first post-season win.
- 26** Athletes on the Academic Honor Roll for MASCAC

"I met a Juniata alum in  
the most unusual place."

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Reconnecting with Juniata



I encountered Janet E. Mercincavage '76 at a recent meeting of the Council for Independent Colleges. It turns out we are both vice presidents for student affairs – Janet is at Kings College in Wilkes-Barre,

Pa., and I am at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa. We had a great visit together, and imagine that our paths will cross again now that we know our roots. In addition, in June 2005 I attended a Student Affairs Institute in Salamanca, Spain, sponsored by NASPA (the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators). I sat down for the opening dinner next to Thomas B. Robinson '66. Tom is also a vice president for student services at Purdue University. He was also the dean of students when I was a freshman living in Leshner. The world is truly a small place — especially when you start noticing the reach of the Juniata alumni.

- Janet (Edgar) Walbert '78

I was on the Royal Caribbean cruise ship over the Christmas holidays and was pleasantly surprised to learn my two breakfast brother-and-sister companions were current Juniata students – Joseph P. LaPrad '07 and Lindsay A. LaPrad '08.

- Don K. Ardolino '67

My wife, Lois, and I were vacationing in Hawaii in November 2006. We were being ushered to assigned seats as

lunch was to be served at The Tropical Plantation for a tour group. I was wearing a Penn State golf shirt and heard the enthusiastic response from several folks seated next to us, "We went to Juniata." They were Judith (Barrowclough) Taylor '59, her husband, Bruce, and sister-in-law, Kay (Taylor) Johnson '59. We had a great time reviewing all the familiar Juniata and Huntingdon names and places. Judy and Bruce live in Kingwood, Texas, and Kay

#### Guided By Voices: New Issue in Print

"Flame On!," "Don't Be Silent," "Don't Put Words in My Mouth," "Chemistry as a Second Language," "Reflections of a Sub-salutatorian"—what do all of these titles have in common? Each identifies a talk given on Juniata's campus last year, and each presentation can be found in the latest issue of *Juniata Voices*. *Juniata Voices* provides a sampling of the lectures presented on campus during the 2005/2006 academic year. Perhaps *Voices* 6 editor, David Sowell, best describes the lectures represented in this issue when he states in his Editor's Introduction, "The lectures are diverse in their character, much as should be expected from a liberal arts college." Discussions of shaping students into social beings prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century; identifying injustice in the world and speaking out about it; the difficulty in creating the 1787 Constitution of the United States; the intricacies of Don Quixote's penance in the mountains; and the Human Torch are all presented in *Juniata Voices* 6.

If you ever wonder what students are talking about these days, order a copy of the latest issue of *Juniata Voices*, Volume 6. *Voices* can be purchased for \$7.95 plus shipping by contacting the Juniata College bookstore at (814) 641-3380. Past issues are also available.

lives in Tillamook, Ore. Lois and I continue to live in Huntingdon. During our conversation we learned that we were on the same cruise ship, and after our initial visit we saw one another on numerous occasions. That experience certainly made our vacations even more special. It really is a small world and Juniata is in every part of it.

- Foster G. Ulrich, Former Juniata Vice President for College Advancement

During our travels to Las Vegas, Nev., with the Sweet Adeline competition this past October, we noticed a gentleman standing in line wearing a Juniata shirt. We introduced ourselves and discovered that he was Dick Rice, the father of Jeffrey S. Rice '00. Of all places, in a casino in Vegas ... now how is that for meeting JCers in strange places!

- Donald K. '57 and Lois (Mezey) Murdoch '57

#### We want to print your story

Tell us the most unusual place or circumstance where you met another Juniata alumna/us, and we will highlight it in an upcoming Juniata Magazine.

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If you missed the chance to buy a Juniata College yearbook while you were a student or if you have lost a yearbook in the years since your graduation, the Alumni Office would like to give you the opportunity to recapture your precious JC memories. Currently the yearbook office holds an inventory of yearbooks from 1921–2003 available for immediate purchase. You may buy yearbooks for the years 1921 to 1999 for \$25 and for years 2000 to 2003 for \$40. Please add \$2 for shipping and handling. To order your yearbook, please contact: Alfarata@juniata.edu or call the Alfarata office at 814-641-3340.

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Opinion is the currency that drives the world. Juniata is no different. Whether a professor is weighing in on an issue of the day, or a student is offering his or her take on presidential candidates, it all becomes fodder for debate that can energize the campus and occasionally reach beyond College Hill. This new feature excerpts thoughts, opinions and interviews that are published on our Web site (see [www.juniata.edu/services/news/opinions/index.html](http://www.juniata.edu/services/news/opinions/index.html)).



**Business professor Randy Rosenberger on whether rising salaries in the National Football League could create economic problems.**

"As long as there is a salary cap owners are limited as to what they can pay. If I had to say where the problem is with 'overpaid athletes,' it would be that the fans support the sports economy. It's so ironic; the fans are the first to complain about lofty salaries, yet they say it while they are wearing a team jersey outside the stadium."

**Communications professor Grace Fala on whether e-books might lessen the experience of reading.**

"The world moves at a worrisome pace with computer communication. People often go to a Web page because it is fast. But fast isn't always friendly. Or warm. If students really want to understand the impact that e-books might have, they should talk to their grandparents or elder role models, in person. Ask them what they think about e-books. Students might actually sense a technological generation gap forming."

**Biblical scholar Robert Miller on the historical accuracy of the Nativity Story.**

"Historically there is almost nothing to confirm the story of the Gospel stories about the birth of Jesus. There are many indications that these stories are not meant to be interpreted in a literal way. Only two of the four Gospels contain birth stories of Jesus; Matthew and Luke. Almost nothing remains common between

the two Gospels. Just one example among many is the lack of agreement between the Gospels as to why Jesus' birthplace was Bethlehem. In Luke, Jesus' parents take a journey to Bethlehem in order to be counted in a census; whereas in Matthew, Jesus' family already resides in Bethlehem."

**Chemist Richard Hark on what is the best "brain food" for studying.**



"In general, to improve brain function you should avoid junk food (probably the very thing most people turn to when stressed out about tests). Eating a high-protein breakfast, such as eggs, is always a good way to start the day. Eggs are rich in choline, which your body uses to manufacture acetylcholine, an important neurotransmitter. Other high protein foods, such as fish, are also reported to be good for proper brain function, probably because they contain the highly touted omega-3 fatty acids. Making sure you eat proper meals is also important (don't skip meals and then eat an entire bag of Doritos!)."



**Politics professor Dennis Plane on politicians who have never run for office before.**

"Americans are just tired of typical politicians. They tend to favor those who, as the saying goes, 'run against Congress,' and those who do it can often be very successful. Take a look at Jesse Ventura. He was an entertainer who threw his hat in the ring, ran for governor, and got elected. Guys like this attract a whole different group of young, independent voters."

*Interviews conducted by student reporters Adam Stanley '08, Courtney Hruska '09, Sara Hernandez '09, Casey Shaw '09 and Chris Bender '10*



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